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BIDEN WINS DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

He won the 1,991 delegates needed to secure the party's nomination after Tuesday's primaries in seven states and DC

'U.S. CRYING OUT FOR LEADERSHIP'

The former vice president has been the Democratic party's presumptive nominee since April when his principal challenger Bernie Sanders dropped out of the presidential race. After clinching the nomination on Saturday, Joe Biden resumed his criticism of President Donald Trump. "The country is crying out for leadership. Leadership that can unite us," he said

OPINION POLLS PUT HIM AHEAD OF TRUMP

- Several opinion polls put the veteran Democrat ahead of Trump. For instance, a recent CNN poll showed 51% backing him. RealClearPolitics gives him a 7.1 point lead over the president
- Biden has time and again spoken in favour of deepening US's strategic partnership with India on regional and global issues

77-yr-old

BIDEN HAS TWO UNSUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL BIDS TO HIS RECORD

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Maharashtra, Delhi stare at Covid explosion

20% of all who test for the virus turn out to be positive in Maharashtra and 18% in Delhi

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

ALMOST one in five persons who underwent a Covid-19 test in Delhi and Maharashtra in the past one week has tested positive, suggesting an infection explosion in the two states.

Data released by the National Institute of Epidemiology, under the Indian Council of Medical Research, shows the average test positivity rate in Maharashtra was above 20. In other words, there were more than 20 positive cases for every 100 tests done. Delhi, where for every 100 tests done, 18 turned out to be positive, fares marginally better.

The test positivity rate in the two states, where reports of severely sick Covid-19 patients being denied ICU beds are becoming common, is nearly thrice the national average.

The situation was not so grim until a few days back. The test positivity rate in Maharashtra was 14 while in Delhi, it was above 10. The cumulative cases in the two states are 80,229 and 26,334, respectively.

The steep rise in the positivity rate has prompted many experts to warn that unless enough tests are carried out, the quantum of cases would become unmanageable in the immediate future.

Oommen C Kurian, the lead of the health initiative with the Observer Research Foundation, said the increasing test positivity rate was an indication of states not testing enough and the increasing spread of the virus.

"Some states have to understand that tests are a multipurpose weapon against the virus. It helps prevent the spread in districts with low numbers and more importantly, it helps slow down the spread in districts with high numbers through systematic isolation of positive cases and quarantining of contacts," Kurian said.

The country's average seven-day test positivity rate is above 6, but the figure is rising in many states, including Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Haryana, West Bengal and Odisha.

"The test positivity rate close to or above 20 is extremely worrying and it's obvious that large-scale community transmission is taking place in Delhi and Maharashtra," said Dr Anupam Singh, an infectious disease expert in Ghaziabad.

Singh stressed the need for widening the testing criteria in order to catch new infections early and allowing autonomy to doctors to decide whom to test.

"We are seeing a large number of patients in the Delhi-NCR region who are asymptomatic or have atypical symptoms," he said. "Containment and mitigation strategies cannot be effective until there is an aggressive focus on testing, tracing and treating."

The views of the experts run counter to the Delhi government's recent order to not test all patients.

Even on Saturday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal asked the public not to head to Covid-19 centres and hospitals to get themselves tested if they did not have symptoms of the disease.

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

India, China hold top military-level talks to defuse tension

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA strongly put across its views aiming to resolve the month-long standoff during the talks between military commanders of the Indian Army and Chinese People's Liberation Army held on Saturday, sources said.

A senior Army officer said the meeting lasted for six hours with a lunch break in between. "The meeting started at 11:30 am at Moldo Border Personnel Meeting Hut on the Chinese side of the LAC and was on till 5:30 pm."

The Indian delegation was led by 14 Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh and China was represented by South Xinjiang Military Division Corps Commander Major General Lin Liu.

Eight other officers from both sides were also present.

Lt Gen Harinder Singh briefed the Army Chief General M M Naravane and Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Y K Joshi after he reached the Corps headquarters at Leh.

The briefing of the talks was also given to the officials in the Ministry of External Affairs. The Prime Minister's Office was also updated.

The two sides have held around a dozen rounds of talks since the first week of May when the standoff started at Pangong Tso Lake in the Eastern Ladakh.

COVID RITUALS AHEAD OF REOPENING

Priests sanitise the premises of Venkateshwara Temple in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, on Saturday. Temples across the state will reopen on June 8. Devotees must maintain social distance and use face masks | PANDARINATH B

Hotels reopen tomorrow, but no staff from virus-prevalent states

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WITH the easing of lockdown norms, hotels and restaurants are gearing up to reopen from Monday. But in what could be seen as a controversial move, they have decided not to employ anyone from Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Gujarat which have been reporting high incidence of Covid-19, for the time being. There are about 50,000 hotels and restaurants, including darshins in Karnataka, of which 15,000 are in Bengaluru alone.

Karnataka Hoteliers Association president Chandrashekar Hebbar said, "Hotels and restaurants will ensure that workers from the states with high prevalence of Covid-19 are not hired. We do not want to take any risks." The travel history of other employees will be checked before they are allowed to work, he added.

Another hotelier, who did not wish to be named, said many eateries are dependent on cooks from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. "But, if our customers get to know that we have hired them, they will not come to us. We will lose customers," he added.

While Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who held a meeting with representatives from the hospitality and tourism sectors on Saturday, emphasised on safety measures and adherence to the guidelines issued by the Union Government, hoteliers have already started making arrangements to adjust to the new situation.

Instead of steel and porcelain plates, they are planning to use disposable plates and plantain leaves to serve food. For coffee, tea, juice and water, disposable paper cups will be used, minimising human contact. The staff will wear masks and maintain social distancing and the body temperature of customers will be checked before they enter the premises, Hebbar said.

"We are trying to avoid human contact wherever possible. We do not want waiters to go near customers", he said stressing on self-service and maintaining social distancing. He also said customers will not be allowed to use washrooms on the premises.

K'taka gets ₹4,313 cr in GST dues, fuel tax trickles into coffers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a huge relief to the State Government, which is facing a severe fund crunch due to the Covid-19-induced lockdown, the Central Government has released Rs 4,313 crore towards the Goods and Services Tax (GST) component for December 2019-February 2020. With Unlock 1.0, there has also been an increase in collection of taxes on petrol and diesel in the state.

The lockdown had badly affected the state's economy and to overcome the crisis, the government has been pushing for economic revival even as it continues to take measures to fight the pandemic. A CMO official said the GST component coming at this juncture will help the state shore up its finances. Also, the situation is slowly improving after restrictions were eased with industries and other businesses restarting, the official pointed out.

On Saturday, at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Finance Department officials informed that Rs 4,313.13 crore has been released by the Central Government as the GST compensation for the December-February period. The officials also pointed out that there is an increase in collection of taxes on automotive fuel.

Sales tax on fuel is among the major sources of revenue for the state and, according to estimates, the government gets around Rs 1,200 to 1,300 crore per month from it. However, it had dropped significantly during the lockdown due to restrictions on movement of vehicles within and outside the state. State excise, motor vehicle tax and registration of properties are other major sources of revenue for the state. P5

NATIONWIDE

ACTIVE CASES	CURED/DISCHARGED	DEATHS
1,159,42	1,140,72	6,642

Record 294 deaths in a day in India; WHO advises 3-layered face masks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A RECORD 294 Covid-19 deaths in 24 hours—the highest yet in a day— took India's coronavirus toll to 6,642 on Saturday. In total, there were 2.36 lakh confirmed coronavirus cases after accounting for the day's 9,887 new cases.

India now ranks 6th globally in terms of the number of cases, overtaking Italy, which was once the worst-hit country in the world. The US, Brazil, Russia, the UK and Spain are the five countries that have more confirmed cases than India now.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization on Saturday issued new guidance on the use of face masks saying, senior citizens and people with health issues should wear medical masks if maintaining social distance is not possible.

All others should wear a three-layer fabric mask—the first layer of absorbent cotton, followed by a polypropylene layer for filtration and finally a synthetic layer that is water-resistant to restrict droplets reaching the nose and mouth.

The world health body also emphasised that masks alone will not protect people from the deadly Covid-19. P7

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EXPRESS READ

Congress moves Guj MLAs to resorts

Mumbai: Alarmed by the resignation of three Gujarat MLAs over the past three days, the Congress party moved its legislators to resorts in a bid to thwart any 'poaching' bid ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections.

Anti-dumping duty on Malaysian calculators

New Delhi: India has imposed anti-dumping duty on import of electronic calculators from Malaysia for five years, seeking to guard domestic players from cheap imports from that country.

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

378 NEW CASES

5,213 Positive cases as of Saturday

59 Total deaths

1,968 Total Recoveries

- The last positive patient from Hire Bagewadi in Belagavi, which was a corona hotspot, was discharged on Friday
- Vijayapura's Chapparband Galli, declared a containment zone on April 12, still sees new cases nearly 2 months later

REPORTS: P4

Most returning migrants are construction workers

RAJESH THAKUR, NAMITA BAJPAI & MUKESH RANJAN @ Patna/Lucknow/Ranchi

THE biggest chunk of migrant workers who have returned to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand are engaged in construction activity, an analysis of the skill mapping being carried out by these states has revealed.

While it is 16.4% for UP, the percentages for Bihar and Jharkhand are 36.1% and 20.7%, respectively. The skill sets of other labourers are varied. There are drivers, tailors, electricians, carpenters, cooks, mechanics and even a small minority in banking and financial services.

These three states have received the maximum number of migrant labourers, 67.5 lakh as of Saturday, after the Covid-induced lockdown. The Centre told the Supreme Court on Friday during the hearing on the migrant workers that one crore had returned to their states.

The three states are mapping the skills of the workers in order to gainfully employ them. Till June 5, UP had mapped the skills of 28.13 lakh workers out of the 32 lakh who have returned while Bihar had done so for 12.36 lakh out of the 30 lakh. Jharkhand had finished skill mapping of 2.50 lakh labourers out of the 5.5 lakh returnees. CONTINUED ON: P7

PRICE FALL TAKES SHEEN OFF SILK FOR FARMERS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Ramanagara

THE shimmering silk from Ramanagara lends beauty to the famous Kanchi, Dharmavaram and Banaras sarees and Karnataka's very own Ilkal, Molakalmuru and Mysore sarees.

But this year, sericulture farmers in Karnataka, mainly from Ramanagara and nearby districts, have been dealt a double blow due to the lockdown.

While they are paying twice the amount for silkworm eggs, the cocoons are selling at only half the price.

Thousands of sericulture farmers and silk reelers visit the cocoon market at Ramanagara, one of the largest in Asia, where, on an average, 40,000-50,000 kg of cocoons are auctioned every day. Farmers also come from Mandya, Chitradurga, Haveri, Kolar, Tumakuru, Bengaluru Rural and Chamarajnagar, and even from neighbouring states like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

But ever since the lockdown, weavers have shut their weaving units with no market to sell their produce. The reelers are also not able to sell the silk yarn to the weavers and hence, they are either buying less cocoons or not buying at all. Due to this, the price of cocoons has fallen drastically, adding to the woes of the farming community.

Arun Kumar, a sericulture farmer from Hemmanahalli in Maddur taluk, said he gets a yield of about 100 kg of cocoons once in 25 days for which he spends Rs 30,000. Earlier, the cocoons would sell at Rs 500 per kg, but now the price has plummeted to Rs 250 per kg. "After spending on transportation and calculating other expenses, I hardly get Rs 3,000. Since I also rear cattle, I am able to manage somehow," he said. The State Government has not come to the rescue of sericulturists, unlike flower, fruit and vegetable growers, he rued.

Hanumanthappa, who had come all the way from Magod in Ranebennur, said he gets 80 kg of cocoons from 100 eggs. P5

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A silk farmer gathers cocoons into crates to get them weighed at the Ramanagara Cocoon Market near Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

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• Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwitheeya 10.11 pm
• Nakshatra: Moola 3.38 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Partly sunny

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.44 pm
Moonrise 10.26 pm
Moonset 7.07 am

The lake at Keshavapura village in Hosanagara taluk of Shivamogga district will now be developed by SARA | EXPRESS

GREEN DRIVE

Villagers and NGO breathing life into old tanks

Actor Yesu Prakash and SARA Centre director Manjunath Byanada at the rejuvenated lake at Muttala village

COP HELPS FUND REVIVAL

GS Hebbal, CPI of Hosanagar, has been extending his helping hand in rejuvenating the lake at Keshavapura. Besides helping financially, he is requesting lorry and tipper owners to put their vehicles into service. "Several villages in our limits faced water shortage last year. We decided to revive the lake for wild animals, cattle and also provide water to agricultural land. Overall, it was a collective effort that is yielding good results," Hebbal adds.

SARA is funding the project. Truck and tipper owners have agreed to dump the silt free. Some are extending financial help, and some transportation. Food for labourers and members is being taken care of by villagers on a rotation basis every day.

— Krishnappa, villager of Muttala

MARX TEJASWI @Shivamogga

WHEN four years ago the government undertook the development of a lake in Muttala village in Hosanagara taluk, the villagers were happy. But soon the contractor 'finished' the work. And they realised nothing much was done. Today, the villagers have revived Makod Lake, one of the oldest water bodies, without any financial assistance from the government. With the advice and expertise of a non-governmental organisation, the villagers rejuvenated the lake and are reviving two more tanks in the same village.

Krishnappa, the head of the village lake committee who is also inspecting the work of another tank which is being developed at an estimated cost of Rs 3.80 lakh, says, "The government took up the development of the lake four years back. The contractors removed some silt and later took a photograph after 'finishing' the work. However, water was not storing enough to cater to our needs. When SARA Centre, the NGO, approached us, we believed in their motive and together we are rejuvenating our tanks," he says.

Sustainable Alternatives for Rural Accord or SARA Centre is a community-driven and artist-run initiative founded by artist Arun Kumar. Tank rejuvenating action is part of the Swagrama Project initiated by SARA Centre and its associate organisations and supported by villagers and many individuals. The NGO has been working to raise public awareness about sustainable life practices to address the ecological concerns of the Malnad region. The centre responds to local agricultural and ecological concerns and aims to create an active forum for knowledge exchange about broader environmental issues.

Manjunath Byanada, one of the directors of SARA Centre, says that the NGO decided to develop the tanks in the region to ensure water sustainability for drinking water and agriculture needs. "As a first step towards this, we decided to develop 10 tanks in four villages. If we approached the villagers and said we wanted to rejuvenate the lakes, they would have suspected our motive. So, we involved the villagers in reviving the tanks of their own village. We formed a committee headed by one of the villagers to take care of all aspects. However, one of us from the NGO guided them besides taking care of financial needs to complete the project," he says.

Yesu Prakash, actor, involved himself in overseeing the works and making financial arrangements at Muttala village. "We have successfully developed Makod Lake at a cost of Rs 2.40 lakh which is way less than the government estimate. A government engineer estimated the cost of Rs 25 lakh to revive the lake," Prakash says.

While Makod Lake is expected to irrigate 22 acres of land, Varthe Lake is expected to irrigate 60 acres. The villagers have also taken up the development of a pond which can irrigate more land.

Inspired by this success, the villagers of Keshavapura approached SARA and expressed their desire to revive one of the oldest lakes in the village. SARA is planning to revive the lake in such a way that it caters to agriculture water needs besides making it a tourist attraction by providing facilities for swimming, boating and laying water tanks. The funds generated will be used for maintenance of the lake in the days to come.

Meanwhile, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa visited the lakes and lauded the efforts of the villagers. "Muttala villagers have shown that any project will be successful if there is active involvement of the people," he says.

No lockdown fetters on these dancing feet

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

THE Covid-19 pandemic brought the globe to a screeching halt, putting an uncertain full stop to the lives, livelihoods and interests of people. But while the world outside looked deserted amid the ensuing lockdown, several artistes applied creative and ingenious ways to nurture their talent, and thus feed a semblance of beauty and meaning to help others stay connected with themselves.

On this very note, Rachana Amin, a Bharatanatyam dance teacher, arrived at a novel idea after the nationwide lockdown was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She brought together a group of 61 classical dancers, who are all former students of Alva's College in Moodbidri, Dakshina Kannada district, to curate a unique online Bharatanatyam series.

Titled 'Nrityantine', Rachana's intention through this initiative was to spread positivity and cheer among people during this grim phase. All the 61 artistes currently reside in different parts of Karnataka. And with the lockdown guidelines in place, the dancers managed to weave their acts together into a three-part Nrityantine, while still maintaining social distancing through solo performances at their own locations.

The term 'Nrityantine' is made up of two words – Nritya, meaning dance, and quarantine, a word far too familiar these days.

It all started on May 1. The first part, titled Maathey, saw 23 artistes performing Bharatanatyam across a 4.22-minute video, which was released on Rachana's own YouTube channel.

"The short dance rendition gave out a strong message that art can survive during a pandemic and even when people are home-quarantined," says Rachana. A massive positive response followed, encouraging the group to produce the second part in the series titled, Tillana 2.0 with 22 dancers, which finally culminated in the third part, Sada Nannu, with 18 dancers. Each of the three videos lasts between four and five minutes.

American tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr said, 'Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can', and in these hard times of the pandemic, I realised that we need not wait for opportunities to showcase our art. Instead, why not build one?

Rachana Amin, a Bharatanatyam dance teacher

Big Boss contestant and television actress Chandana Ananthkrishna, also a former student of Alva's College, was in the dance series as well.

As a student at her college, Rachana was a major part of its classical dance team, and it was with this experience that she planned to reunite all the other dancers.

Explaining how Nrityantine was put together, Rachana shares: "I had to plan, execute and build the storyboard. If I ask everyone to choreograph for a full song, it takes a lot of effort and they could back out. Understanding the situation, I planned to divide the songs in bits of 10-12 seconds, lest anyone is burdened and would thus enjoy the process. Our series was surely a result of teamwork, but I kept it as an open choreography, where everyone did their own bit."

The first video took 15 days to shoot and all artistes used their mobile phones to record their dance performances. The individual clips were compiled into a single final video by Maurya S Aravind.

After the pandemic struck, the dancers were forced to go on leave, and were seeking fruitful ways to sail through the lockdown. "We had to adjust to a new reality and art definitely is a way that helps one cope with the dark times," says Manasa Rai Kadaba, who was part of the first video.

Following the successful reach of her initiative, Rachana, along with all the other artistes, was appreciated by Alva's Education Foundation Chairman Dr M Mohan Alva.

"American tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr said, 'Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can', and in these hard times of the pandemic, I realised that we need not wait for opportunities to showcase our art. Instead, why not build one?" says Rachana.

RISING FROM RUBBLE

After the demolition of the Jayadeva flyover, work has started on the country's first six-level road-cum-rail flyover in Bengaluru on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

6-level flyover will take longer

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE country's first six-level road-cum-rail flyover and allied structures of Namma Metro are likely to ready only by December next year, an extension of six months over the initial deadline.

The delay will be because of the Covid-19 induced lockdown and the return of migrant workers to their hometowns.

Billed as the Package 3 of Reach 5 of Metro Phase-II, the structure will rise to a height of 35 metres and its maximum width will be 43 metres, said Deputy Chief Engineer N Sadashiva. The flyover will have six levels with the underpass being constructed below the ground level, he said.

The underpass from Bannerghatta Road to Diary Circle will have two lanes, permitting two-way traffic. The surface road between R V Road and Central Silk Board (CSB) will come up with four lanes, two in each direction. The flyover runs 3.2 km between Ragigudda and CSB and the concourse area houses the Jayanagar Interchange Metro station. Rail lines (R5) will link R V Road and Electronics City and Bannerghatta and Nagawara (R6).

"The cost comes to Rs 797 crore for the Package 3 of Reach 5. This will also include five stations of the Metro line from R V Road to CSB – R V Road, Ragigudda, Jayadeva Interchange, BTM Layout and Central Silk Board. We had a deadline of June 2021 for the construction part of the project, but it is now expected to be in place by December 2021 on account of Covid delays," Sadashiva said.

This refers only to the construction activity and the actual lines will take a year more to commission, he added.

Jayadeva overpass demolished

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THE final piece of concrete on the iconic Jayadeva flyover was brought down on Friday, nearly ten months after the demolition work began. The Covid-19 lockdown imposed set back its completion date by a month.

The flyover is being demolished to build an Interchange station along with a road-cum-rail flyover that would connect two metro lines of Phase-II, the Yellow Line from RV Road to Bommasandra and the Red Line from Gottigere to Nagawara.

Speaking to *TNSE*, N Sadashiva, Deputy Chief Engineer, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, said a total of 730 metres had been demolished. "The demolition of the main flyover began on January 20 this year and concluded 105 days later on June 5. Nearly 6,000 cubic metres of concrete has been brought down."

Sadashiva said many safety structures had to be put in place. "Additional support had to be given to the underpass slab of the flyover to take care of additional weight that will happen during demolition. For the flyover too, much intermediate support (crib support) had to be given. These were done to ensure additional safety." Traffic diversions and alternative routes in and around the structure had to be taken.

"Improvements including asphalting were carried out on roads of these routes. And 80 security martials were deployed to control the traffic," he added.

MIT to change exam software as students protest

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

MANIPAL Institute of Technology (MIT) has agreed to change its software for conducting online examinations, following protests by students.

The Students of MIT, a constituent of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), had taken to social media with a call to boycott their online sessional exams scheduled from June 8, saying the institute had asked them to use a software that allegedly contained virus which crashed their systems. Reacting to the protest and appeals from students, MIT director agreed to conduct the exams on an alternative platform.

They stated that students of MAHE's International Centre for Applied Sciences (ICAS) who had appeared for their exams recently had faced issues with the software and their systems blacked out and laptops stopped working for a day.

"The ICAS students couldn't complete their exams. The MIT students are also asked to install the software. The moment we install it, the system acts up and flashes a notification stating 'disable antivirus in the device and install it'. If our computers crash, we can't study for the next day's exam as most of the study materials are in them," said a student.

While Dr Narayana Sabhahit, registrar, MAHE said, "The institute is taking steps to ensure that students' interests are taken care of. If any student fails to appear for the end semester examination over genuine reasons, they can write the examination when they are back on the campus."

On Saturday evening, a circular signed by the MIT director stated, "In view of the concern related to the online platform, the sessional test will now be conducted using Microsoft Teams. The second sessional test will be on June 10 instead of June 8."

MONSOON IS HERE!

As the Southwest monsoon sets in Karnataka, heavy rain lashes Bengaluru on Saturday. According to IMD, the city recorded 16.6 mm rainfall, as on 8.30 pm. The BBMP control room reported water logging in many parts and trees were uprooted near National College and Jayanagar | VINOD KUMAR T

App, web portal launched to tackle rain havoc

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THE State's efforts to use technology to manage monsoon in Bengaluru received a boost on Saturday with the launch of mobile app 'Bengaluru Megha Sandesha' and web portal 'Varunamitra.'

Developed by Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, the BBMP and IISc, the app and the web portal provide real-time data on rainfall, wind speed, atmospheric temperatures and safe roads to take.

Speaking at the launch, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said, "So far, government officials would reach spots after flooding. Now we are working on a system to ensure there is no flooding, by being prepared."

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said rain alerts will be received 48 hours in advance. Accurate data will be known at ward level, he added.

Two policemen attached to the Indiranagar police station were severely injured after a cab hit their Cheetah patrolling bike on Friday night. Halasuru traffic police nabbed the accused in 12 hours, after tracing the registration number of the vehicle from three digits visible in broken pieces of the number plate.

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'PARTY WORKERS ARE BACKBONE OF CONGRESS'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

CONGRESS State chief D K Shivakumar says he is working to strengthen the party workers who are their backbone. In an interview with The New Sunday Express, the new chief who is set to take over officially soon gives his mantra for rebuilding the party and speaks of the challenging corona times.

Q&A DK SHIVAKUMAR

Congress' fortunes are on the wane since the 2018 assembly elections and the party fared badly in parliamentary elections too. How do you plan to arrest the trend?

I admit our seats and vote share came down in the recent elections as we faced a tsunami. But let us remember we have a strong support base and a great legacy. Large sections of people have gone away from us, we are working to bring them back. I am confident that the party's collective leadership will do well. I am working to strengthen the party workers who are our backbone and they will bring the party back to power.

> *I'm essentially a farmer, though I received my education in Bengaluru. The best and the brightest are still with us*
>
> DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

Your party once attracted the best and the brightest, but no more. How do you propose to reverse that?

I'm essentially a farmer, though I received my education in Bengaluru. The best and the brightest are still with us and we still attract the best talent. But overall we cannot leave out the backward areas, we are keenly interested in developing the most underdeveloped areas so they too get a chance to be among the best and brightest in the State.

The 14 MLAs who joined BJP has meant the party cadres have gone with them. Even earlier, whenever your MLAs/MLCs joined BJP, you have lost substantial cadres and party workers.

We have learnt a lesson. They back stabbed us and left us, after making use of us. The voice of the party worker should be the voice of the leader. I want to be a party worker first, a KPCC president next. Senior leaders met and decided that we should turn the Congress into a cadre-based party, where workers and booth-level leaders are most important.

They say Congressmen lack the drive to do well ?

If you mean that we are not working hard to be in power, let me tell you that power is not as important as ideology. And people's welfare is more important. Let us remember, Congress' vision is nation's vision.

Why, for a national party like yours, the social media team is no match for BJP's?

BJP has access to official machinery, money power and political power. I do agree we could have done better and used our potential in the past. I understand the importance of social media. We will certainly do well on this front.

How are you leading the party through these unprecedented Covid times?

Congress understands that in this struggle against Covid, lives of people are of paramount importance, but so is the economy. We have put together a Vision Karnataka team. We will give this team's recommendations to the government. This administration's inefficiency was exposed when they took many U-turns on many major decisions.

BJP sends 3 names to top brass

RS polls: Prabhakar Kore, Ramesh Katti, hotelier Prakash Shetty in the race

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THE BJP State Core Committee on Saturday decided to send three names, including that of sitting Rajya Sabha member Prabhakar Kore, to the party high command for the Rajya Sabha polls to be held on June 19.

Sources said several names were discussed at the core committee that decided to send three names – Prabhakar Kore, Ramesh Katti and Prakash Shetty -- to the party high command. Katti is a former Lok Sabha member from Chikkodi in Belagavi district, while Shetty is a hotelier from Udupi.

The BJP, with its strength of 117 MLAs in the Assembly, can comfortably ensure the victory of two of its candidates, while the Congress will get one seat and the fourth seat is likely to go to the Congress-JDS combine candidate. Each candidate requires 45 votes to make it to the RS.

"The Central leaders may accept the names sent by the state core committee or may consider other names also. The Parliamentary Board meeting in New Delhi on Sunday is likely to clear the names," sources said. Tuesday is the last day for filing nominations.

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The Congress has already announced senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge as its candidate, while former PM HD Deve Gowda is likely to be announced as the JDS candidate. The JDS requires Congress' support to send Gowda to the RS and it is yet to officially announce its decision.

Meanwhile, hectic lobbying is on for the ticket in the BJP. Senior leader Umesh Katti and several Lingayat leaders are batting for his brother Ramesh, while a section of BJP leaders, including Deputy CM Laxman Savadi, is said to be rooting for Kore.

However, the decision to recommend Prakash Shetty's name came as a surprise to many. Party said that in 2014 too, the state core committee had considered his name for the RS polls for one of the two seats, but Kore's name was finalized.

"National leaders are expected to clear the list before Monday. We hope that it would be Shetty and Katti," said another senior BJP leader.

Party sources said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa averted a possible showdown by recommending both Katti and Kore's names. Several names, including those of retired IAS officer Madan Gopal, BJP leaders M Nagaraj and Nirmal Kumar Surana, too were said to be discussed at the meeting.

EXPRESS READ

SEC not to buy new vehicle for now

The Karnataka State Election Commission has decided that it will not buy a new vehicle for the time being. The commission will make the purchase only after the state's economic situation improves. On June 5, The New Indian Express carried a report titled 'No date for GP polls, but SEC to get new car', which pointed out that the State government had approved a new vehicle for the State Election Commissioner for election duty though GP and TP elections are not scheduled anytime soon. The move came when the state government is facing a severe fund crunch due to the pandemic. The Under-Secretary of the SEC has said the purchase of the vehicle has been deferred and that the commission had sent a proposal to the government for buying a new vehicle before the pandemic broke out.

Garment company lays off 1,200 workers in Srirangapatna

Garment workers protest in Srirangapatna

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THE Covid-19 pandemic has hit the garment industry, with a large company laying off around 1,200 employees at its factory in Srirangapatna in Mandya on Saturday.

Hundreds of workers gathered outside the Gokaldas Exports factory on TB Road and raised slogans against the management.

Poornima, a worker, alleged the company had paid only half-day salaries since March 23. A meeting between employees and management will be held on Monday. Swaroop, HR head of the unit said sales had declined due to the pandemic and layoffs were necessary.

"This violates section 25(m) of the Industrial Disputes Act. This means workers will be paid half salary and factories won't be operational. It may lead to closure," said Prathiba R, president of Garment Association Trade Workers Union (GATWU).

Social media dividing public on communal lines: High Court

HC issues guidelines for illegal immigrants

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC on Saturday directed the Central and State governments to establish detention centres for illegal foreign nationals till they are deported and issued guidelines regarding such cases. Justice K N Phaneedra issued the directions while granting bail to Babul Khan and other undocumented Bangladeshi immigrants who were arrested by the Sarjapura police. The court said the petitioners were entitled to bail but must be kept in detention centres until the case is decided or until the government decides on their deportation.

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has expressed concern that social media is creating panic and dividing people along communal lines.

Justice R Devdas made this observation while allowing the bail applications of Rihan, 19, and Shahbaz, 20, residents of Nippani, Belagavi district. Basaweshwar Chowk Police arrested them after a case was registered on April 17 after a video in which they were seen picking up watermelons from a drain did the rounds on social media.

"... an impression was created as if the petitioners deliberately dipped the melons in drain water and put up them up for sale which would cause serious health issues to customers," Justice Devdas said, adding that the veracity of allegations must be determined during trial. The judge granted bail and imposed conditions.

The petitioners' counsel argued that IPC Section 328 (causing hurt by poisoning) was not attracted. It was invoked only because it is a non-bailable offence punishable by imprisonment of up to 10 years.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender

For and on behalf of the President of Indian, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), North Western Railway, Jaipur invites e-tenders under **"Two packet system"** from the agencies fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the following work :- 1. **E-Tender No**: No. UDZ-HMT-GC-T-63. 2. **Name of the work with its location**: **T.No.UDZ-HMT-GC-T-63-R Miscellaneous work for construction of minor bridges, earth work in cutting & filling for formation, drain work protection work, loading of muck, Construction FOB at Kharwa Chanda station and all other ancillary works between Kharwa Chanda - Dungarpur staitons in connection with Udaipur-Himmatnagar GC Project.** 3. **Approx. cost of the work**: **Rs. 16,48,11,564.43.** 4. **Earnest Money to be deposited**: Rs. 9,74,100.00. 5. **Date for submission of e-Tender**: 29.06.2020 at 15:00 hrs. 6. **Details and particulars of website where e-tender can be seen & filled up**: www.ireps.gov.in. 7. **Official email address**: dycecudz@gmail.com 563-VM/20

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my client, **Smt. MALATHI DEVI**, W/o. Sanjay Singh, residing at Yarthiganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural, has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 01.02.2013 executed by Sri.Munindra and others in favour of Smt.Shantha in respect of Site No.43, Khatha No.78/43, E-swathu No.150300201900100104, situated at Yarthiganahalli Village, Anneshwara Village Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 40 feet (12.19 Meter), North to South: 30 feet (9.14 Meter), in all measuring 1200 Square feet (111.48 Square Meter) and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site No.16, North by: Private Property, South by: Site No.42 and same was registered before the Sub-registrar Office, Devanahalli, as document No.DNH-1-07060/2012-13, Stored in CD No.DNHD671, dated 26.07.2018, while travelling at Chikkajala on 02.06.2020. My client lodged a complaint on 04.06.2020 before the Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Article Report No. 071655/2020, dated 04.06.2020 for lost of above said document. If anybody finds the above said Original Sale Deed, please hand over to my client above/below named. Please note, if anybody enters to make any illegal acts on the said document that my client is not responsible for the same, hence this public notice.

VACHANNA G.K., Advocate
No. 24, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
M: 94491 67748, 92431 08099

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Sri H.M. CHANDRA SHEKAR** intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from **Sri J. MOHAN KUMAR,** No.277, 11th Cross, Telecom Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru–560 023. If any person/s, Institution, Bank, Firm, etc., have got any objections or claim on Schedule Property, the same may be informed to us along with supporting documents, **within 30 days.** Otherwise, the Sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to an intents and purposes.

"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"

IMMOVABLE PROPERTY,**(Land and Building),bearing Site No.68,** New Municipal No.2, **situated at 1st Main Road, Binny Layout (Binny Employees Co-operative Housing Society Limited Layout) 3rd Stage, Attiguppe, Bangalore,** the private layout duly approved by the BDA, in the land bearing Sy.No.339 of Attiguppe Village, Kempapura Agrahara, Hosahalli, Bangalore, BBMP **Ward No.40, New Ward No.132, PID No.40-134-2,** and the property is measuring **E**ast to **W**est:30 feet, & **N**orth to **S**outh:(40'.8"+ 40'.3")/2 in total measuring 1216.5 square feet and the same is bounded on as under:

East by : Property bearing No.69,
West by : Property bearing No.67,
North by : Road &
South by : Society Pvt.Property.

H.G. RAJASHEKAR & M.H.SOMANATH,
Advocates, No.122,1st Floor, Mahesh Market,Balepet, Bangalore-560 053.
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.02.2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors guarantors **(1) Mrs. Anupama W/o Mr.Jayaprakash, (2) Mr. Jayaprakash S/o Mr Gangaputhaiah, Both are residing at: No.1275, Yashaswini Nilaya, 1st Cross, Kalyana Nagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560027 Other Address: Site No.12, MTS Colony (Near Max Computers), facing Cross Road connecting Masjid Road, T Dasarahalli, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560027** to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹22,34,746.00 [Rupees Twnety Two Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Six only]** under **PSTL A/c No.5597001800006801** along with future interest from **04.01.2020** within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **3rd day of June 2020**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Naganathapura Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹ 23,11,575.00** under **PSTL A/c No.5597001800006801** along with future interest from **04.05.2020** plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of property measuring 960 sq ft bearing Site No.12, Old Khata No.2/12, New Khata No.196, with building (GF & FF) constructed thereon measuring 1200 Sq ft situated at T Dasarahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangaluru belonging to Mrs.Anupama. Boundaries of Property: East by: Rangaiah Naidu's Property, **West by :** Site No.11, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.5.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.06.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
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The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on the **3rd day of June 2020**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Vidyaranyapura Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹ 61,27,851.30** under **PSOD A/c No.1237000600001601** along with future interest from **01.06.2020** plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No.68/1, Khatha No.31/1-G, presently coming within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, bearing Municipal No.31/1-G/68/1, measuring 1302 Sq ft, along with residential building consisting (GF+FF), situated at Atturu, BBMP Yalahanka Sub-zone, Bengaluru. Boundaries of Property: East by: 25 Feet Road & Site No.68, **West by :** Private property(House), **North by:** Private property(House), **South by:** Site no.63(House).

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.06.2020

Sd/-
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Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is negotiating to purchase property bearing **No.15A,** Old Katha No.18, BBMP Katha No.105, later 11/6/15A, carved out of Sy.No.6 situated at Sonnenahalli **(Sollapuradamma Badavane),** Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk from its present owners **Smt.Nandana Shenoy & Smt.Dimple Shenoy,** 201, 5th Cross, G.K.W.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -40, they having purchased by virtue of Sale Deed dated 8-02-2018 executed by **Smt.B.S.Nisarga,** in regard to the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder, who represent that they have a clear marketable title to it and is free from all types of encumbrances and claims etc.

Any person/ persons, firms, Banks, financial institutions asserting any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **Seven days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients will proceed to complete the transaction with the owners subject to legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing old Katha **No.18**, BBMP Katha No.105, later 11/6/15A, with site No.15A, carved out of Sy.No.6 situated at Sonnenahalli (Sollapuradamma Badavane), Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.130, with site measuring East to West : 30 Feet and North to South : 50 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the :

East by : Site No.15 West by : Road
North by : Site No.5A South by : Road

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[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site property bearing Site No:181, E-Khatha No.150200102400620223, Sy.No. 54/1 measuring 135.00 sq.mtr or 1452.06 sft situated at "Spring Hills", Kurubarahatti village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk village, Bengaluru. Boundaries of Property: East by: Site No.167, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Site No.182, **South by:** Site No.180.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.06.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the general public that following share certificate of PFIZER LIMITED, having its registered office - Pfizer Centre Patel Estate, Patel Estate Road, Off S.V. Road, Jogeshwari West, MUMBAI - 400102. Registered in the name of the following shareholder has been lost by the Registered holder.

Folio No	PFZ0107380
Name of the Holder	K.G. NAGARAJU
Cert No	503380
Dist No	From 30258602 To 30258706
No of shares	105

The Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificate.

Any person has any claim in respect of the said share certificates should lodge such claim with the Company or it's Registered and Transfer Agents Karvy Computershare Pvt Ltd, Karvy Selenium Tower B, Plot No.31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad - 500032, within 15 days of publication of this notice. After which no claim will be entertained and the company may proceed to issue duplicate share certificates to the registered holder.

Place: Bangalore Date: 06-06-2020

Janopakari Sri Doddanna Setty's
SLN CHARITIES
Fort, Bangalore - 560002. Ph: 080-26701027

No.SLNC/01/2020-21 Date: 05-06-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed Tenders are invited from prospective Builders to submit their proposal for BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER

Centenary Mall - Site Area 70,000 sft. (Construction area about 3 lakhs sft. including Basement) at SLN Charities Premises, Fort, Bangalore-560002.

PROPOSALS should be submitted on or before **20th June 2020** at 4-00 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above Office or by contacting **9845019339**.

Sd/-
Chairman
S.L.N. Charities

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THE NEW SUNDAY EXPRESS

COVID-19

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After pictures of masks being circulated with the Delhi Public School, Bengaluru, logo, the management has clarified that the school is not associated with these masks, which cost ₹400 a piece

280 NEW RECOVERIES

1,968 TOTAL RECOVERED

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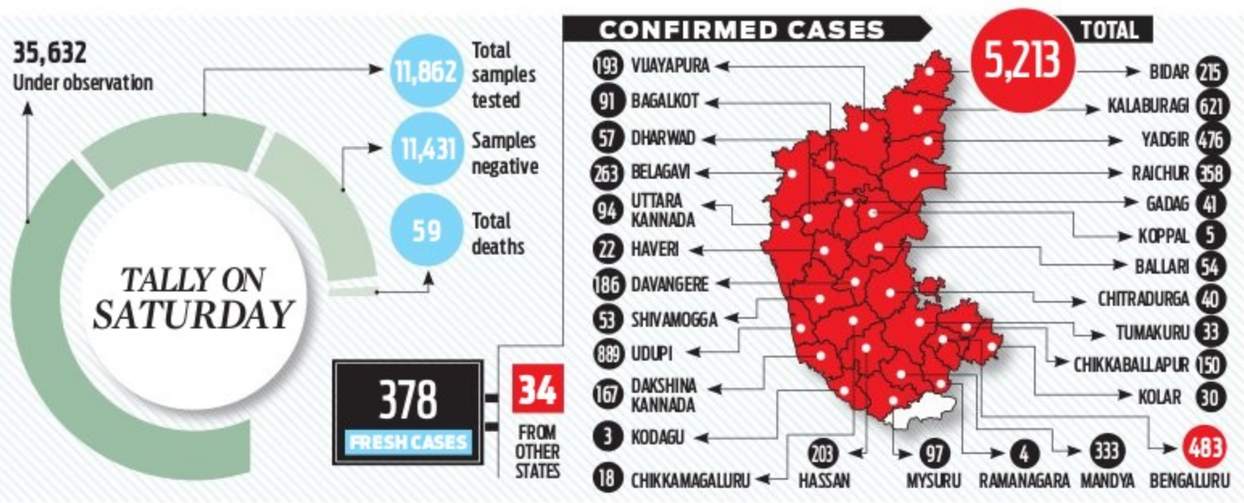
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too



SPIKE IN ILI CASES IN STATE CAPITAL WORRIES OFFICIALS

Of 18 patients who tested positive on Saturday, seven had influenza like illness

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WHILE Maharashtra returnees continued to contribute majorly to the spike in Covid-positive cases in Karnataka, the state crossed the the 5,000-mark with the total tally standing at 5,213 on Saturday. Bengaluru reported 18 positives, of which majority were Influenza Like Illness (ILI) cases, raising a concern.

From Bengaluru Urban, seven were ILI cases, contact tracing of nine patients was on, one a returnee from Maharashtra and one with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI).

Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and a member of the state Covid-19 task force, said that the state is taking a close look at ILI and SARI cases. "We have been tracking such patients. Recently through the house survey, many were identified and they are being followed up. Right now, everybody with ILI should immediately suspect Covid-19 and come forward for testing and not neglect it, which makes it better for early treatment."

The state recorded 378 positive cases on Saturday, and among them 333 were passengers from other states. Udupi district again topped the list recording 121 cases.

Two deaths were reported from Bidar and Vijaypura districts, taking the toll to 59. A 55-year-old woman, a resident of a containment zone in Bidar district, was diagnosed with SARI and was admitted on May 16. She died on Friday. In Vijayapura district, an 82-year-old woman with diabetes, hypertension and IHD died on May 27.

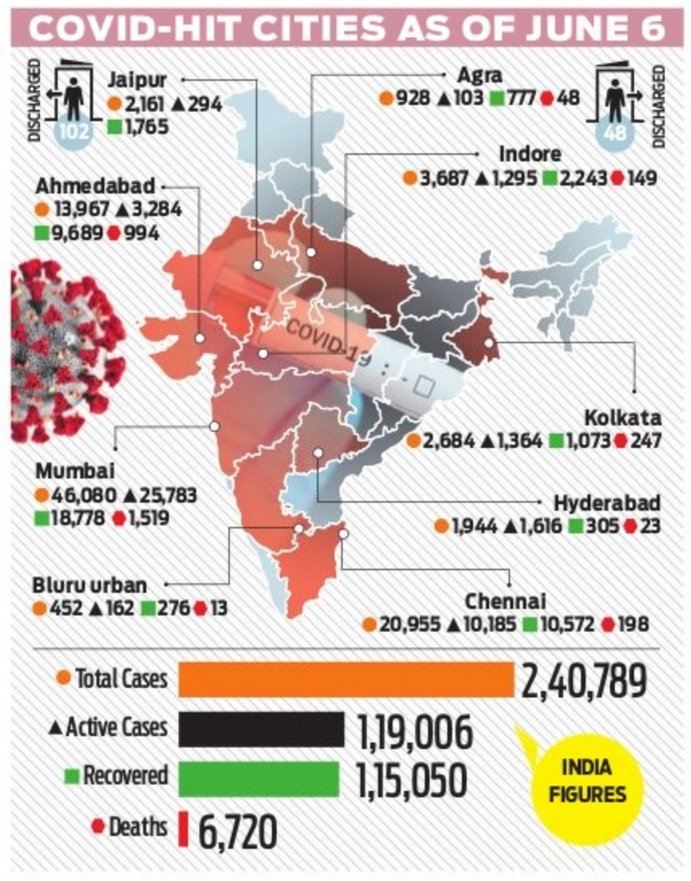
On the brighter side, the state also topped in the highest number of single-day discharges with 280 people walking out of hospitals. The total discharges now stand at 1968.

Udupi district with 121 cases, Yadgir with 103 cases and Kalaburagi with 69 cases had all Maharashtra returnees. Of Dakshina Kannada's 24 cases, 11 were Maharashtra returnees, seven cases of international travel from UAE and one with international travel from Turkey, while contact tracing of five patients was under progress.

Davanagere and Vijaypura had six cases each. In Davanagere, five cases were contacts of previous patients, while one a contact of containment zone. Vijaypura had three returnees from Maharashtra and three contacts of containment zone.

Gadag had four positive cases, contact tracing of two under pgoress and two contacts of previous patients. Three cases each were reported from Mandya, Hassan, Haveri and Dharwad. In Mandya, two were Maharastra returnees and one aGujarat returnee. In Hassan, all three were Maharashtra returnees. Haveri had two Maharashtra returnees and one contact tracing is on, while Dharwad had all Maharashtra returnees.

Uttara Kannada, Chikkaballapur and Raichur had two cases each, all of them Maharashtra returnees. Kolar with one case was of inter-district travel, and Tumakuru and Koppal had one case each, who are Maharashtra returnees. Bidar had a case of of Delhi returnee.



OPEN FOR BIZ AGAIN

Ahead of malls and hotels opening up across Karnataka on June 8, (top) a staffer at a Bengaluru restaurant sticks posters reminding diners of the importance of social distancing; (above) A disinfectant tunnel being installed outside Forum Mall in Bengaluru, on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

Health workers sanitise Mayo Hall in Bengaluru on Saturday after a man produced before courts tested positive for Covid-19 on June 1 | SHRIRAM BN

Accused tests positive, JJ Nagar station sanitised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Jeevan Bima Nagar police station was sanitised on Saturday as an accused who was kept in the lockup tested positive for Covid-19.

The person, who was arrested, was kept in the lock-up, and he tested positive for coronavirus on Friday. As a precautionary measure, the entire force of the station worked from outside the premises, even as the entire station was sanitised on Saturday.

The person is accused in a sexual harassment case and police sources said that the victim has been asked to quarantine herself. Twenty officers from the station have been placed under quarantine.

Meanwhile, the Mayo Hall courts and the entire premises were also sanitised on Saturday. An accused, who was produced before the Tenth Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Mayo Hall on June 1, had tested positive for COVID-19.

A notice was issued by the Registrar General of the Karnataka High Court on Friday cancelling all appointments granted to the members of the Bar for physical filing payment of court fee, process fee etc., including physical hearing on Saturday.

COVID WATCH

Non-Covid death creates panic

Belagavi: The death of a 50-year-old resident of Kattanbhavi, Belagavi district, who had recently returned from Mumbai, has created panic among villagers. Though the deceased did not show any symptoms and had tested negative for Covid-19, the five other people who had arrived with him, tested positive on Tuesday. The 50-year-old had completed seven days of institutional quarantine. Two days later on June 4, he was rushed to the designated Covid hospital with complaints of vomiting and dysentery. He died on Saturday. ENS

Prep for offline classes starts

Bengaluru: Schools are preparing for the resumption of offline classes keeping safety in mind. Canadian International School in Bengaluru, has set up a health and safety committee comprising various stakeholders to create policies related to classroom and non-classroom learning. The committee will consider topics such as sanitisation schedules, pick-up and drop guidelines, etc. The state has adviced schools to consider parents' opinion on re-opening dates. ENS

B'luru's containment zones up, RWAs to be BBMP's watchdog

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AS the health department has revised the SOPs once again and said that asymptomatic people from Maharashtra will be put on 21 days home quarantine, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has turned to resident welfare associations for help.

The BBMP has asked the RWAs to be their watchdog and informants. This comes at a time when the number of cases in Bengaluru is rising along with the list of containment zones.

The city on Saturday saw 188 new cases and the BBMP war room added nine new areas to the containment zone list in just a day. The total containment zones now in Bengaluru are 49. The new additions to the list are areas from HSR Layout, Jayamahal, VV Puram, Singasandra, Bellandur, Padarayanapura, Nagawara, SK Garden and Chokkasandra.

In case of Padarayanapura, the BBMP and the health department are paying special attention as the area has the highest number of positive cases at 67. SK Garden has 16 cases.

The BBMP has held two meetings with RWAs. Though no special additional directions have been issued, the RWAs have been asked to inform the police and health officials immediately of any violations of health rules.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar told *The New Sunday Express*: "We have now decided to ensure strict home quarantine. Special teams are being formed to ensure that citizens and officials work in tandem. The RWAs are being asked to monitor the people as use of technology is limited. Citizens will also have to ensure that social distancing is maintained."

The RWAs said they have been told to maintain a safe distance from positives, but keep the officials informed. "We have been told not to interact directly with those in quarantine, but if we see any cases, we have to inform the police and health officials.

In every containment zone police outposts are set up and we have been told to work closely with them. We have been told to keep a watch on people wandering outside and near the homes which have been stamped," said Sunil Kumar, from Vasanthnagar RWA, who attended the recent virtual meeting with the BBMP.

A police official monitors the situation on SP Road in Bengaluru on Saturday, which was declared a containment zone recently | PANDARINATH B

Covid-19 epicentre in Belagavi free of virus now

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

HIRE Bagewadi, which reported the first Covid-19 case of the district on April 3 and later turned into a corona hotspot with the maximum number of patients, is finally rid of the pandemic after two months. With the last Covid-positive patient being discharged from the designated hospital on Friday, the district administration formally denotified it from the Covid list.

The first Covid patient here was one of the three persons from the district to have attended the Tablighi Jamaat congregation at Nizamuddin in Delhi in March. The other two were from Kasai Galli in Camp area in the city and from Belagundi village in Belagavi taluk. All the three had contracted the virus at the congregation.

As the first patient's contacts started testing positive, the village at one point had the highest number of 49 patients in the district. The village gained further notoriety when the first Corona death in the district, of an 80-year-old woman, too was reported from here.

Over the last one month, all the patients who were admitted to the Covid-designated hospital have been discharged. Now that the village has been declared Covid-free, businesses have opened and normal life resumed like in other areas.

Assistant Commissioner Ashok Teli said, "Hire Bagewadi has been denotified as a containment zone on Friday with the recovery of the last Covid patient. All businesses will run normally like in other areas. Squads have been withdrawn, but awareness campaigns will continue to run."

TOUGH TEST AHEAD

92% headmasters request reduced syllabi, no digi infra with many schools

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

ACCORDING to a recent survey, 95 per cent of schools in Karnataka want to postpone exams this year. The survey was conducted by Dream a Dream, an NGO working closely with schools in the state.

The survey has pointed out that schools fear that the students may not be able to clear board exams as most schools were still in the process of completing the syllabi or working on model preparations for the board exams when the schools had to be closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak.

The School Readiness survey with the principals and heads of institutions of 853 educational institutions across 28 districts of Karnataka was undertaken to understand the impact of Covid-19 on the educational system of low-cost private schools, government-aided schools and government schools. The survey observed major concerns when schools are reopened post lockdown and the support required by the schools.

It has been around 60 days since schools closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While it is still unclear when the schools will re-open, this closure has impacted the educational system across the state and in the country.

Sharing insights from the survey, Sreehari Ravindranath, Associate Director of Research at the NGO said, "The survey, also showcased that these schools did not have any experience at handling online teaching interventions. In fact, most schools are unclear as how to proceed further and require support for digital learning and online pedagogical solutions."

About 92 per cent of the headmasters requested a reduced syllabi for the new academic year, owing to the loss of instructional time because of the lockdown. This request comes close on the heels of knowing that 97 per cent of the schools surveyed have little digital infrastructure to support the delivery of online classes.

Jamia Nizamia, one of the oldest Islamic seminaries in the country, issued two fatwas on Saturday upholding social distancing during namaz and also allowing devotees to wear masks, use sanitisers before performing prayers

Illegal sand mining unabated in Kali river

Top officer in Karwar says he has received complaints, task forces were not active due to Covid-19 pandemic

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@Karwar

ILLEGAL sand mining is going on unabated in Kali river basin in Haliyal and Joida taluks in Uttara Kannada district. The three days of heavy rainfall in the district due to Cyclone 'Nisarga' has led to increase in soil erosion depositing huge quantity of sand in several streams and rivers including Kali River in Haliyal and Joida taluks. This has resulted in illegal sand mining.

Dozens of vehicles loaded with sand are seen transporting it to the neighbouring districts right under the nose of the government officials. "Despite complaining frequently to the officials the sand miners are transporting it in broad daylight without fear," said Yograj Shivaji Marathe, a local activist.

"Last night, I was counting the sand-laden vehicles. Nine trucks transported sand during night, and it is 6 am (Saturday), but no action has been taken so far," he alleged. He said that he had spoken to the Assistant Commissioner, Karwar, urging her to check the CCTV footage installed all along the routes.

At some places the illegally extracted sand is stored in temporary stockyards. Interestingly this mining activity came to light a couple of days after the district administration issued an order banning sand mining temporarily so that the acquatic life like fish can breed well.

Sand stocked in a temporary stockyard in Haliyal taluk | EXPRESS

When contacted, Priyanga, Assistant Commissioner, Karwar, said that she received complaints regarding illegal sand mining and the task force committees have been constituted to address the issue in four taluks -- Karwar, Joida, Dandeli and Haliyal. "Our task forces were not functioning all these days due to Covid-19. Our CCTV has some technical issues. The Haliyal tahsildar agreed to get the CCTV rectified. We have not issued permission and those indulging in sand mining may have obtained Mineral Transit Permit from the Department of Mines and Geology from Belagavi. But we are checking those permits," she said.

Officials in the Department of Mines and Geology in Belagavi said they have not issued any such permits. Officials on conditions of anonymity said that in the wake of the 2019 floods a government order was issued to 17 people to extract sand between October 2019 and June 2020 to extract deposited sand from private land due to erosion. Of them, nine had violated the order and mined sand outside the district. But it was never meant to stretch beyond the boundaries of the districts, they said.

SLANDER?

TTD FILES PLAINT AGAINST ACTOR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirumala

ACTING tough on those hurting the sentiments of devotees, the Tirumala police on Saturday registered cases against several individuals, including Tamil film actor Sivakumar, for claiming anti-social activities are happening in Tirumala, and asking people not to visit. Sivakumar is the father of prominent Tamil actors Suriya and Karthi.

According to the FIR registered against him, based on a complaint from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) vigilance inspector V Subramanyam Reddy, the actor spread false propaganda against the Tirumala temple.

The complaint was lodged based on a YouTube video sent by a person, Tamil Manyan, on April 28.

In the speech, made in Tamil, Sivakumar said he never visited any temple because of the stark differences between the rich and poor. He said a devotee, after 48 days of vratam (deeksha), left from Katpadi to Tirumala on foot, drinking water only on the auspicious days of Radhotsavam. "There are serpentine queues of pilgrims, and after making eight rounds in the queue and after four days, he reached the main temple but was pushed outside. Whereas, a rich man visited Tirumala and was allotted a guest house where he resorted to illegal activities, and the next morning, visited the temple without having a bath and was welcomed with Kumbha Harathi," Sivakumar said in the speech, as per the FIR.

It added that in the video, Sivakumar spread false propagation against the Tirumala temple by alleging illegal activities are going on there, and advised people not to visit the temple, thereby hurting devotees' sentiments. The police booked him under Sections 500 and 505(1)B of the IPC.

Similarly, they registered a case against a person who claimed on Facebook that social worker Sudha Narayanamurthy resigned from the TTD Trust Board.

IAS officers transferred in K'taka

ENS @Bengaluru

THE state government on Saturday issued another set of transfer orders. Rajkumar Khatri, who was Additional Chief Secretary of Labour Department, will take charge as Additional Chief Secretary of the Agriculture Department. Ganga Ram Badariya, will take charge as Additional Chief Secretary of the Backward Classes Welfare Department and MD of Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

N Manjunatha Prasad will take charge as Principal Secretary to the Government (Disaster Management, Bhoomi and UPOR), Revenue Department.

T K Anil Kumar, who was Principal Secretary of Tourism Department, will take charge as Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department (Medical Education).

Mohammad Mohsin, who was Secretary to Government, Backward Classes Welfare Department, has now been posted as Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Resettlement and Rehabilitation. Rajendra Kumar Kataria, who was Secretary of Agriculture department, will take charge as Secretary to Government, Horticulture and Sericulture Department.

Workers wash the walls of Chamundeshwari Temple in Mysuru on Saturday. Officials are taking all precautions before the reopening | UDAYSHANKAR S

Temples gear up for reopening in Mysuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

WITH the state government and the district administration allowing places of worship to open, temples, mosques and churches are taking all precautions before the doors are thrown open on Monday. Authorities of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud and various other places of worship were busy making arrangements to ensure that devotees practise social distancing, wear masks and sanitise their hands.

The Chamundeshwari temple was sanitised. The temple's chief priest, Dr Shashishekhar Dixit, said that the preparations were based on the guidelines of the government and the district administration. "Only 20 devotees will be allowed inside at a time. As of now, only darshan of the presiding deity is allowed and no special pujas will be held," he said.

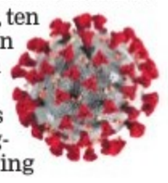
Meanwhile, temple authorities said senior citizens above 65 years of age and children below 10 years cannot enter.

In Nanjangud, authorities of Srikanteshwara Temple conducted a health check-up of priests and staffers on Saturday. Taluk health officials screened over 250 staffers and priests associated with the temple.

Cases cross 30k mark in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

IN A glaring update, Tamil Nadu recorded 19 more deaths due to COVID-19, and touched 30,152 cases with 1,458 new ones on Saturday. With 1,146 new cases, the city marches into the next undesired milestone -- 20,993 cases. Of the 19 people who died, ten breathed their last in private hospitals and nine in government hospitals. All the deaths recorded on Saturday were from Chennai.



The State's toll has risen to 251. With 633 patients discharged on the day, the total number of discharges stands at 16,395, giving the slightest respite of being higher than the 13,503 active cases in the State.

As many as 15 out of the 19 people who died were aged above 50. Seven out of the 19 had diabetes and hypertension, while ten patients did not have any comorbidities. A 31-year-old, who died, had a decompensated liver disease and inflammation in pancreas.

ISRO SIGNS MoU WITH ARIES TO TACKLE SPACE DEBRIS

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WITH the increasing concerns over space debris, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) recently signed an MoU with the Nainital-based Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) for cooperation in the field of astrophysics and Space Situational Awareness (SSA). The MoU will be useful "in safeguarding the Indian space assets from critical threats from space debris", ISRO stated.

ARIES has experts with years of research on observational astronomy, astrophysics, and atmospheric sciences.

Former ISRO chairman Kiran Kumar, who has been vocal about the effects of space debris with a large number of private players entering the sector, said that as smaller satellites are getting into space, the number of non-functional objects too are increasing. "These objects that are not in control of any space agency can come in the way of other satellites, forcing space agencies to alter launch schedules and height of orbits to avoid collision. Today, every orbiting satellite keeps an eye on these objects and if they are likely to come in the vicinity of our operational satellite, we have to do some manoeuvres to ensure that there is no collision," Kiran said. ISRO also uses information from the public domain on orbiting objects and has set up observation stations. It is looking at making use of its capabilities to contribute to the global community, he said.

ISRO said the MoU will pave way for future collaborations between ISRO and ARIES in establishing optical telescope observational facilities for space object tracking, R&D studies in space weather, astrophysics and near Earth objects.

Veteran footballer dies of Covid-19

ENS @Malappuram

A VETERAN footballer from the Malabar region, E Hamsakkoya (61), died of Covid 19 in Malappuram on Saturday.

The Parappanangadi native, who had settled in Mumbai, played for Maharashtra in the Santosh Trophy tournaments from 1981 to 1986. A former player of Calicut University football team, Hamsakoya was also called into the national camp twice. He was under treatment at Government Medical College Hospital, Manjeri, where his wife, son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren -- aged three and three months -- have also been admitted after testing positive for the virus.

Action to be taken against illegal transport of goods

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APART from the GST component, the State Government is also expecting Rs 5,495 crore in special grant, recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. The CM had earlier discussed this issue with the Union Finance Minister.

The Chief Minister on Saturday directed the Commercial Taxes Department officials to take strict action against illegal transportation of goods. Based on a similar directive by the CM during a meeting last month, the department has increased the number of road vigilance teams from 77 to 116. The teams inspected 2.89 lakh transport vehicles and 7.46 lakh e-way bills. Of this, 300 unlawful cases were detected and Rs 6.21 crore in taxes and fine had been collected, according to a note issued by the Chief Minister's Office.

The CM also instructed the officers to conduct a survey of dealers conducting transactions of more than Rs 40 lakh and commercial complexes in big cities which collect monthly rent of more than Rs 20 lakh.

EXPRESS READ

Popularity of homeopathy medicine to prevent Covid soars

Rourkela: Following initiatives taken by the Ministry of AYUSH and Directorate of AYUSH in Odisha, the Government-run Utkalmani Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital (UHMCH) here has started distribution of prophylactic homeopathy medicines on community scale to prevent Covid-19. ENS

TS records 206 cases, 10 deaths a day ahead of Unlock 1

Hyderabad: The state recorded 206 cases and 10 deaths on Saturday ahead of the relaxing of norms on Monday. It was the highest single-day spike in cases and deaths till now. The total number of Covid-19 cases in the state has now reached 3,496. Of these 123 have died, 1,663 are active cases being treated and 1,710 have been discharged. ENS

Silk reelers are also facing difficult times

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HANUMANTHAPPA'S cocoons are a bit expensive because of the snow white quality. "I used to get Rs 650 per kg, but now it is only Rs 325 per kg. I hardly get anything from this. I need to fend for my my family and pay wages to the labourers," he said. Since the cocoons cannot be kept for more than six to seven days, the rearers end up selling them for a pittance, fearing that they may lose everything.

Swamy, a farmer from Palabhovidoddi in Ramanagara taluk, said he bought 50 silkworm eggs for Rs 3000, which used to cost Rs 1,800 before the lockdown. "It takes about 20 days for the eggs to become fully grown silkworms. For the cocoon to form, it takes another two days and we keep them for three more days before taking it to market." Swamy does not have his own farm to grow mulberry, which is fed to silkworms. " I have to pay Rs 35,000 per year to mulberry farmers," he pointed out.

Due to the Covis-19 pandemic, farmers are selling cocoons for a much lesser price but spending more on eggs | MEGHANA SASTRY

Silk reelers are also facing difficult times. According to Mohammed Shafi Ahmed, weaving units have shut and hence, the retail outlets too. "We produce 20 kg of silk yarn per month. We used to sell it for Rs 3,500-4,000 per kg, but now the price has dropped to Rs 1,900-2,400 per kg. Only if we get good returns can we can pay the farmers better," he said.

But farmers and reelers are hoping for better days. "Earlier, weavers in India were buying China silk, which costs less but is of inferior quality. Now, the import has been banned. Our silk is of good quality and lasts longer. We hope that after the lockdown, Ramanagara silk will get better value. We are capable of producing better quality silk and competing with Chinese silk if the government gives subsidy to reelers to buy latest machines and encourages farmers," Ahmed added.

I used to sell the cocoons for Rs 650 per kg, but now it is only Rs 325 per kg. I hardly get anything from this. I need to fend for my family and pay wages to my labourers. The pandemic has been a disaster
Hanumanthappa, sericulturist

Government of Karnataka

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore
No : FD/01/BMB/2020 Dated : 05.06.2020

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Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bangalore. Non - competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non - competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

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ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement platform)

Bids in two parts are invited through e-procurement portal for "**Supply of Mefron-22 (Freon-22) Refregerant Gas for Air Conditioning system for Varahi Under Ground Power House, Hosangadi".** The details of NIT & tender document can be seen on website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-procurement portal mode only. Last date for receipt of completed bids: **22.06.2020 up to 17:00 Hrs with an EMD of Rs.3,455/-** & tender processing fee as per e-procurement portal. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification & Technical Bid): **24.06.2020 at 10.00 Hrs** & date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the qualified bidders: **26.06.2020 at 10.00 Hrs or on later date.** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (MSP)H, VHEP, KPCL., Hosangadi - 576282, Kundapur(T), Udupi(D), Karnataka. Phone/Mobile: +91-8259-288643/ +91-9449598832, KPCL website: **www.karnataka power.com** Helpdesk: 080-25501216/ 25501227.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (KMF) (Short Term Tender Notification)

The Tumkur Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-procurement tenders from eligible tenderers for Transportation of the goods as mentioned below:

PART-A (only through E-PROCURMENT)

Sl. No.	E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO	WORK DESCRIPTION
1	No:TMU/ PRODN/007/ 2020-21 Date:24.04.2020	Transportation Of Milk Products-SMP/ WMP & Butter from different KMF Dairies & also from Out Of State Dairies to various Ware Houses & Cold Storages at different places on RATE/MT basis for a period of 1 year as detailed in tender document.

PART –B (only through E-PROCUREMENT)

Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME
01	Tender upload date	06-06-2020
02	Last date & time for receipt of tenders	22-06-2020 / 2.00 P.M
03	Time & date of opening of technical tender bid	24-06-2020 / 2.30 P.M
04	Web Site Address For E-tender	www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

For Tumkur Milk Union Ltd.,
-Sd-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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It's a very important thing to learn to talk to people you disagree with

Pete Seeger

GROWTH INTERRUPTED: THE VISIBLE HAND

THE THIRD EYE

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There is a good reason why policies which promise change are defined as Next Gen reforms in India. History shows, frequently, political expediency is dressed in alibis till an implosion and a crisis — when necessity is presented as a virtuous proposition. This column has previously characterised next generation reforms as Sinha-to-Sinha reforms. Yashwant Sinha first mooted opening up the insurance sector for foreign direct investment up to 49 per cent in 1998. The idea came to be only in 2015, and the Bill was piloted by his son Jayant Sinha.

This week, the government announced 'One Nation, One Market' for the agriculture sector and, thereby, recognised the right of farmers, India's largest private sector employers, to contract at will to produce and to sell like any other entrepreneur. To make this possible, it had to push ordinances — to amend the Essential Commodities Act and surgically bypass agriculture produce markets, the grazing grounds of political entrepreneurship. The change was promised in this government's first Budget in 2014. The need for reforms was manifest in agrarian distress — This column had highlighted the need for reforms — for Amul II, a national grid for perishables (http://bit.ly/1pfJUiz), and farmer access to forward and backward linkages (http://bit.ly/24uW8bm). Yet policy laboured through the labyrinth of politics.

Necessity arrived as historic and bold reforms in 2020. The big hurdle apparently was the resistance of state governments — that though didn't deter single market declaration in 2016 when the National Agriculture Market was set up, when 12 states were said to be on board. Fact is in July 2014, state governments agreed on 35 recommendations including ESA and APMC reforms in the Report of the Committee of State Ministers. The states reneged on committed reforms and the BJP, in power in 20 states at one time, couldn't reform its own regimes.

The need for the ordinance illustrates the centrality of crises for policy change. Adam Smith propounded the construct of economic growth propelled by invisible hands. In India, growth is interrupted by the visible hand — the coalition of bureaucracy and politics. The virtues of gradualism and incrementalism frequently expounded upon serve as a ready refuge for sustaining vested interests. This week, global rating agency Moody's downgraded India to Baa3 — just a notch above speculative or junk grade. How India got to this place is eloquently illustrated by the rationale of Moody's ratings of November 2017, of November 2019 and of June 2020, and is instructive for understanding the role of the visible hand. In November 2017, Moody's upgraded India from Baa3 to Baa2 and changed the outlook from stable to positive. Moody's though observed that, "Much remains to be done. Challenges with implementation of the GST, ongoing weakness of private sector investment, slow progress with resolution of banking sector asset quality issues, and lack of progress with land and labour reforms at the national level highlight still material government effectiveness issues." Moody's expected "at least some of these issues will be addressed".The leap of faith rating landed short and the expectation unravelled as India's growth plunged. In November 2019, Moody's changed its India outlook to negative. Moody's elaborated that the action "reflects increasing risks that economic growth will remain materially lower than in the past, partly reflecting lower government and policy effectiveness at addressing long-standing economic and institutional weaknesses than Moody's had previously estimated".

On the ground demand and consumption declined as capillaries of credit shrank, the NBFCs and banks were haemorrhaging, thanks to the unattended consequences of a liquidity problem which was morphing into a solvency crisis and aggravating the trend in retrenchment of investment intentions in the private sector.

The pandemic may have been the last straw that broke the back of the economy, but it was already suffering from morbidity. Indeed, in its rationale Moody's says the action "was not driven by the impact of the pandemic. Rather, the pandemic amplifies vulnerabilities in India's credit profile that were present and building prior to the shock". Rather ominously, it sees "a prolonged period of slower growth". The agency observes that the circumstance, level of debt and "persistent stress" in the financial system, challenge policy-making. The pervasive practice of staring at a problem and its solution simultaneously, aka procrastination, has left the economy adrift.

What must be done is known. At the crux is the need for systemic restructure — the government is present in sectors which it must exit and missing in segments it must be present. The Centre does what is best done by the states. This calls for decentralisation of authority and accountability. States need to up their game — modernise land and labour laws, craft clusters for rural and urban growth. Technology is the key to efficiency. Why issues do not get resolved is also known. Change is detained by creative inertia. History of previous crises is a harbinger of hope. The enduring guide-rule of transformative change in India is that things must get worse for them to get better. Crisis is a feel-good factor for it compels change.

NO WIMBLEDON. NO CINEMA. WHY LIVE!

POINT OF VIEW

TJS GEORGE

Mysore will never be the same to me again; Southern Star, my home on many a visit, has shut down. Tennis will not be the same again; Wimbledon has been cancelled this year, an outright sin. A cinema hall will not be a cinema hall again for any of us. How can a self-respecting "hall" live in an age when only 50 people can gather for a marriage and only 20 for a funeral? Even a prized restaurant will not remain so when social distancing matters more than food.

Before closing, Southern Star said "business has come to a standstill." How can business be otherwise when people are scared to travel, scared to eat out, scared to go to places where people gather? Official sources say India has about 53,000 hotels and 70 lakh restaurants in the organised category and 2.3 crore restaurants in the unorgainsed sector. A majority of them are seeing business coming to a standstill, although some reputed 5-star brands are bravely saying they are going to prosper. To make things worse, the Government has asked the hotel industry to pay next year's excise tax now. Typical bureaucratic thinking. But when hotels close down, how will government get its excise tax?

The same logic applies to other sectors. French Open, the tennis classic, was to take place in May. It did not because the Government banned mass gatherings until July. Will mass gatherings be safe when the French Open takes place in late September as now scheduled? Bureaucracy never asks such inconvenient questions.

If present indications are anything to go by, mass gatherings are never going to be safe again. Which means spectator sport will never be spectator sport from now on. Wimbledon and World Cup football tournaments will have to think the unthinkable: Empty galleries as Federer and Nadal, Ronaldo and Messi perform their magic.

Roland-Garros, where the French Open takes place, is famous for its narrow and crammed geography, crafted it would seem to make social intimacy the way of life. The authorities now think that the 17 courts should keep spectators out for health and safety reasons. So what can the players do except play before empty galleries. To be fair, won't the same health and safety factors apply in the dressing rooms and other off-court zones where staff and attenders gather? Are we entering a phase where spectator sport will be confined entirely to television?

Similar conundrums are shaking other spheres as well. Film producers are releasing their new productions on digital platforms, making distributors and theatre owners indignant. The Producers Guild of India has worked out guidelines on sanitisation, temperature checks, social distancing formats and even including a medical team in outdoor shooting units. This will transform the very nature of the film industry. But even temperature checks and stuff like that have a limit beyond which nothing can be done. A cinema theatre with 200 seats may admit only 100 people, leaving the other seats empty. Is that sufficient social distancing in a closed environment where everyone inhales and exhales the same air? If it is air-conditioned air, as is usually the case, the problem gets worse. With half the tickets unsold, how viable will cinema halls be? Indeed, with no Wimbledon and no cinema, how livable is life itself?

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Industry and business will also be less viable under the new enforced restrictions. Some of the best known companies have cancelled some of their most publicised events. Among these were Facebook, Google and IBM. According to experts, cancellation of major tech events has already incurred more than $1 billion in direct economic losses. Shifting activities online has helped to some extent. But they are no substitute to in-person opportunities.

Corona is already making changes in our everyday life. Telemedicine is an idea that has been gaining ground because it reduces person-to-person contacts. Doctors are recommending more do-it-yourself solutions — blood pressure cuffs, home digital stethoscope, medical exam kits. Similarly, the idea of working from home has been gaining ground because it is considered safer than office where the whole staff collects.

Time will no longer be recorded in terms of the Common Era. AD and BC, based on Jesus Christ, are gone. So are CE (Common Era) and BCE. Now everything will give way to a new vision of AC and BC — After Corona and Before Corona. As Indonesia's Security Minister Mohammad Mahfud MD put it last week: "Corona is like your wife. Initially you try to control it. When you realise you can't, you learn to live with it."

THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

OPINION

COL CP MUTHANNA (RETD)
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The ongoing pandemic has created a health and an economic crisis worldwide. In India, we hope to attract several companies that may shift their operations from China. While it is seen as an opportunity to propel India to be an economic power house, we see migrants trying desperately to return to their villages. Between the jubilation of China based industries shifting to India and the long march of the migrants is a message that will determine our future.

India's path to development has been an environmental disaster. Vast swathes of forests have been destroyed, rivers polluted and the very air that millions breathe is toxic. The lockdown provided a welcome relief to the environment; the air became clearer and the Himalayas were visible from afar, rivers and streams sparkled and wildlife appeared to frolic. However, this scenario will not last long as the nation springs back to life for economic reasons.

The real danger is that in our zeal to get the economy back on track, to achieve our targets of GDP, to kick start the economy and to revive employment, we will be putting added pressure on our already stressed environment. Dr NH Ravindranath, former professor, Indian Institute of Science, states, "A vaccine or drug will be the silver bullet for the pandemic, but there will be no silver bullet for the looming threat of climate change." This entails that the economic recovery post the pandemic should not take us back to 'business as usual'. It should take us along a new path of sustainable development with respect for the environment. Once we have crossed the 'tipping point' of climate change, there will be no going back; perhaps humanity will then be playing out the end game.

Claude Alvares from Goa Foundation visualises an exodus from the coastal areas of Kerala due to rising sea levels. These climate refugees may have to be relocated in the Western Ghats at the cost of the precious forests that bring the South West Monsoon. Millions will flee our coastal cities, including Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. Time is our enemy. We do not have the luxury of time. Incredulous though it may seem, most scientists seem to have ignored the phenomenon of permafrost melt in the Arctic and other snow covered regions. Permafrost melt will set off a vicious cycle of carbon dioxide release, which in turn will result in more rapid melt. Climate scientists have warned that to keep global temperature below 2 degree Centigrade, carbon dioxide levels have to be cut by 45 per cent by 2030. However, if permafrost melt is factored in, then we do not have even that much time. Be that as it may, these are matters for global negotiations and commitments. What is the way forward for India?

Subsidies should shift to electric vehicles, solar energy, clean cook stoves etc. Production units moving in from China must be accepted only with latest clean technologies, located away from existing industrial hubs and metropolises and set up in regions where forests and catchment areas are not sacrificed. While carbon dioxide is the known villain, we have opportunities to buy precious time by drastic reduction in black carbon emissions. This has been brought out with amazing clarity in Jonathan Mingle's book '*Fire and Ice*'. We also have opportunities for regional cooperation in reducing black carbon.

My paper on the 'HIMEK Alliance' envisages a regional cooperation of 11 countries to mitigate climate change in the Himalayas and the Mekong Basin through a strategy of reduction of black carbon emissions coupled with largescale forest land restoration programs. The HIMEK proposal has been endorsed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Asian Institute of Technology.

Mahatma Gandhi said that the future of India lies in its villages. Watching lakhs of migrants return home reminds us of his words. Decades after Gandhi, Anna Hazare championed the cause at Ralegan Siddhi. With water shed management as the main area of focus, he strengthened the village community, fought corruption, brought prosperity to the villagers, and reversed migration to cities.

The present exodus from cities to villages has exposed the glaring fact that the rural poor have been exploited to enable growth of metropolises that are imploding under their own weight. It is time to reconsider the very paradigm of 'development' and the mad rush towards improving the 'GDP'. We must move to the Bhutanese philosophy of 'Nine Domains of Gross National Happiness which includes psychological well-being, health, cultural diversity, resilience and ecological diversity among others.

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These domains cannot have meaning if village communities are compelled to leave homes and made to live in crowded, unclean slums in far away cities. While the government may be genuinely concerned about the plight of farmers, destruction of catchment areas for multilane highways, railways, dams and power lines have resulted in droughts that drive them to debt and suicide. It is also a factor that acts as a catalyst for migration to cities. There is a strong case for agriculture to be made lucrative by eliminating middlemen and providing well thought out subsidies. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) should ensure gainful employment through work on watershed development and forest land restoration. Populist schemes need to be restricted lest we create a generation that thrives on doles.

The one big worry is that we will act in haste to revive the economy and create a situation on environment and climate change that create scenarios worse than those prior to the pandemic. Hence, there is a need for extensive consultations and deliberate planning.

We also need to plan ahead and carry out proper landscape management with a vision for the future. We can then protect our catchment areas (perhaps, we should rename them as water producing areas for better effect) and food producing regions while developing industrial hubs and population centers in a pragmatic manner with a timeline of 2050 and beyond.

In fact, the urgency to revise and dilute the laws regarding Environment Impact Assessments and the Finance Minister's announcement that private parties would be allowed to carry out coal mining are very worrying. This indicates that the government will carry out activities that will cause further damage to the land and forests by giving a greater impetus to coal. We will see more destruction of forests and eco sensitive areas for mining, quarrying and for infrastructure projects such as multi-lane highways, railways and power transmission lines. We have to tread with caution and the old narrative must change. Continued assault on the environment in the name of development will ultimately lead to economic ruination.

Industrialisation is a reality, and smart cities are certainly needed. But at the same time, let us also create flourishing villages with healthy rural economies. Gandhi's vision, coupled with the Bhutanese philosophy of the 'Nine domains of Gross National Happiness', could be the Mantra for India!

QUOTE CORNER

(French-Iranian academic) Fariba Adelkhah is a hostage of the Iranian government. The Tehran government uses dual nationals by taking them hostage and using them to achieve its own political agenda

Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate

Black lives matter. This isn't a controversial statement. Until the ingrained racism that allows our country's institutions to fail is completely eradicated, we will remain committed to protecting and improving the lives of black people

Michael Jordan, Basketball legend

It was an honour to compete alongside one of the most talented groups of candidates the Democratic party has ever fielded - and I am proud to say that we are going into this general election a united party

Joe Biden, Democratic presidential nominee

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India can help green cause

The article "*Time for Nature: Education and environment*" is timely on the World Environment Day. It is heartening that India has for the first time ranked in the top ten countries in the Climate Change Performance Index and our forest cover has increased by 5900 sq.km. And our student community has saved 3650 crores litres of water in one year and further target is set for the next ten years. "One student, one tree" campaign is a perennial process in schools all over the country. While other developed countries are pussyfooting on the climate change agenda India can now play a substantial role since the largest young population is an advantage for our country.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Wait for right time

India must use Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw's war strategy in case of war with China. Indian military do not take any war decision without fully preparation. India must wait for some time for the right opportunity. Military should then consider to take the decision with political heads to decide on entering into a war. Before that India must stop all trade ties with China.

S Prakash, Tiruchi

Maneka's elephantine gaffe

One does not know where BJP leader and former Union minister Maneka Gandhi gets her statistics to say an elephant is killed once in every three days in Kerala. If so, Kerala would be hard pressed to dispose off their humongous carcasses, every other day, that too in record speed. People of Kerala are elephant lovers and would be ever alert of such happenings if ever. Moreover, an ever-active opposition wouldn't let such incidents go by without questioning the government about it. As in the Malappuram case, the ex-minister should verify her information before blurting out blunders.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta.

Nehru had his shortcomings

To base certification of Jawaharlal Nehru as the favorite among the 15 Prime Ministers of Independent India on two books he authored doesn't hold water.(*Point of View* by TJS George; 31 May 2020). Panditji had indeed, laid the foundation stone for India as a robust democratic nation. But, his nurturing of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and nepotism stick out as unhewed stones on history's edifice.

Dr. George Jacob, Kochi

Late but right intervention

Through the apex court's intervention, belated though, the migrant labourers can now see a glimmer of hope at the other end of the tunnel. The stern observation of the country's top court that those who want, should be sent back home within 15 days and that no State can refuse to take back the migrants in one pretext or the other will obviate the migrants' trauma to a considerable extent.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Going beyond duty

It is inspiring to note that RPF constable Inder Singh Yadav did a commendable job when he sprinted behind the Shramik Express to provide milk to the mother of a crying infant even as the train was speeding away from the platform. For his quick presence of mind and sense of duty, the RPF had received applause from none less than Railway Minister Piyush Goyal. And laudably, the mother of the infant recommended a promotion for Yadav.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Small gesture, big message

Though it looks like a pretty pedestrian act, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's gesture of 'taking a knee' for about 9 minutes to express solidarity with the protestors against racism in the US Police force, is a statesmanly act worthy of emulation by politicos across the globe. One hopes this will set in a motion a process of reforming and rehumanising the police, a dehumanis ing agency not only in USA but in every country.

M Jameel Ahmed, Mysuru

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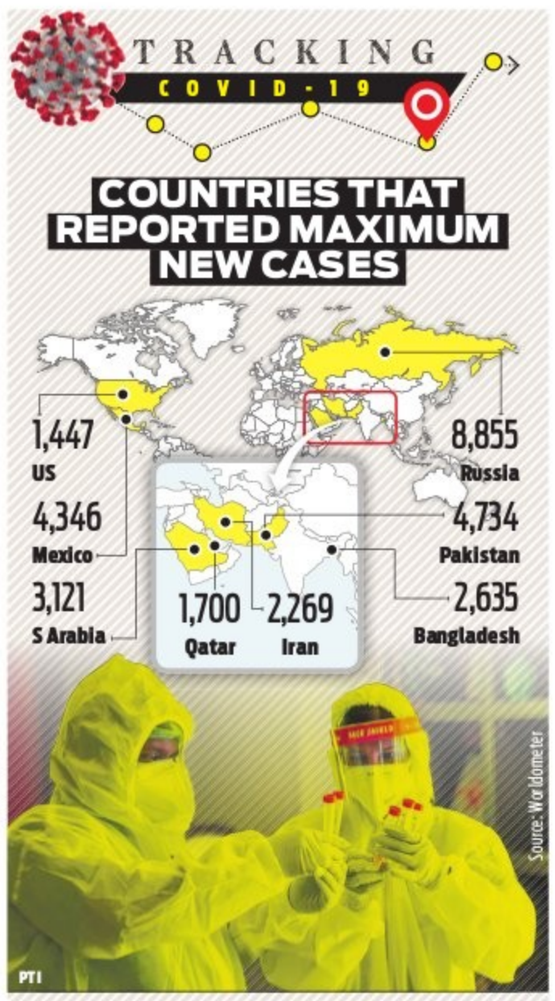
Employment for migrants should be NDA's top priority in Bihar
— Chirag Paswan, Lok Janshakti Party president

CHANGED CURRICULUM
The CBSE is working on rationalising the curriculum to make up for academic loss caused by Covid-19 and the reduced syllabus will be ready in a month's time.

57 PER CENT WILL NOT VISIT RELIGIOUS PLACES



STATES GEAR UP FOR NEXT PHASE OF UNLOCK

Guidelines for places of worship, malls and restaurants issued by various states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

With places of worship, hotels, restaurants, malls and several other public spaces opening on Monday in the next phase of the 'Unlock' mission, various states have come up their lists of dos and don'ts for the people.

Premises of religious shrines, restaurants, malls etc. are being cleaned in various states and provisions for adherence to social distancing and other protocols being made.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed respective district administrations and police authorities to make the management of religious shrines aware of the precautionary measures to be taken. The Kashi Vishwanth and other temples in Varanasi, Mathura, Ayodhya, Kanpur and Lucknow are all geared up to open their door to the devotees, but have appealed to avoid crowding. As per the guidelines, not more than five persons are allowed to gather at one point of time at religious sites. Sanitizer, digital thermometer and pulse oximeter would also be made available at all the places of worship.

In Punjab, the guidelines issued on Saturday said no 'prasad' or 'langar' can be served at places of worship, which will be allowed to remain open between 5 am and 8 pm. Mall visitors are required to have COVA (Corona Virus Alert) app on their mobile phones. A token system for entry will be introduced and there will be a provision for maximum time limit for which a visitor can stay inside a shopping mall. Not more than 50 per cent of the maximum capacity shall, at any point of time, enter the mall, the guidelines said. Each shop shall have markers to indicate social distancing while lift shall not be used except in case of differently-abled person or medical emergency. Trying out clothes will not be allowed. Dine-in at restaurants will also remain prohibited. For hotels and other hospitality units, the hotel restaurants will remain closed and food will be served only in the rooms.

In Chhattisgarh, malls continued to be on the list of establishments that would remain shut. Guidelines issued on Saturday said parks, gardens, places of worship and hotels can open. Only outdoor activities in clubs, sports complexes and stadiums will be permitted. In restaurants, only takeaways will be allowed.

A worker cleans the premises of Goddess Khermai temple in Jabalpur ahead of its re-opening (top); Government employees resume working at their office in Srinagar| PTI

Rajasthan to form panel to decide on religious places

The Rajasthan government said it will form a committee headed by district collectors to take a decision on opening of religious places. The panel will give its suggestions on social distancing, sanitizing, following which a decision will be taken, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said in a video conference with representatives of religious leaders.

Vande Bharat-3: Air India sells 22K tickets in 15 hours

Witnessing a huge demand, the Air India sold over 22,000 tickets in just 15 hours for select destinations in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Europe. The sale of tickets for the flights under the third phase of Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) commenced at 5 pm on Friday. However, scores of air passengers vented their anger as they could not get tickets. The national carrier has said that the website received 6-7 times more activity due to huge demand. The national carrier informed, "Rising to the challenge of repatriating Indians stranded worldwide under VBM, AI has in Phase I operated 64 flights and evacuated 12708 Indians. In phase 2, till date 290 flights and 52113 Indians have been brought home. Phase 3 of VBM is set to take off from 10th June."

Uttarakhand may postpone Char Dham Yatra

After opposition from priests body, businessmen, traders and other stakeholders including hospitality sector, the state government may defer Char Dham Yatra beyond June 8. Sources in the government said that discussion is on. Madan Kaushik, state cabinet minister and spokesperson for the government said, "We are talking to all stakeholders and situation about Covid 19 is being assessed. Decision will be taken accordingly." Last year, record more than 38 lakh pilgrims travelled to the revered four shrines of the hill state. Chief minister TS Rawat had stated that the Centre has given permission to open religious places from June 8 and the yatra will be started in limited, controlled and safe manner. Representatives of priests from the Kedarnath shrine met the district magistrate of Rudraprayag on this matter.

CHARITY

People collect free food on a street, distributed by volunteers druring lockdown in New Delhi | PTI

'Future of judiciary is hybrid model of virtual courts'

With the Covid-19 disruptions affecting all walks of life, former UIDAI chairman Nandan Nilekani on Saturday said that the future course for the judiciary is a hybrid model in which both the physical and virtual sessions are held. Supreme Court Judge D Y Chadrachud stressed on dispute containment through online resolution. The NITI Aayog on Saturday hosted a virtual brainstorming session with experts drawn from stakeholders on the scope of online dispute resolution. The impact of the pandemic seemingly set the backdrop for the discussion in which the experts dwelt upon the use of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data to minimize the load on the judiciary. "Online dispute resolution has the potential to be time and cost saving. It then becomes imperative to create awareness and provide incentive," said retired SC judge, Justice A K Sikri.

Senior citizens should wear medical masks, says WHO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SENIOR citizens and people with health issues should wear a medical mask if maintaining social distance is not possible, according to a new guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO).

The guidance say that all others should wear a three-layer fabric mask — first layer of absorbent cotton, followed by a polypropylene layer for filtration and finally a synthetic layer that is water-resistant to restrict droplets reaching nose and mouth.

"In areas with community transmission, we advise that people aged 60 years or over, or those with underlying conditions, should wear a medical mask in situations where physical distancing is not possible," it said. Until now, the WHO has been reluctant in advocating use of face mask by the public.

"In light of evolving evidence, WHO advises that governments should encourage the public to wear masks where there is widespread transmission and physical distancing is difficult, such as on public transport, in shops or in other confined or crowded environments. Our updated guidance contains new information on the composition of fabric masks, based on academic research requested by WHO," it said.

However, it emphasised that masks alone will not protect you from Covid-19. "Masks can also create a false sense of security, leading people to neglect measures such as hand hygiene and physical distancing. Masks are not a replacement for physical distancing, hand hygiene and other public health measures, it added.

States face challenge to give jobs to returning migrants

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THE need to employ the migrant workers is particularly pressing for Bihar as elections are due later this year and if the government falters on this count it could be electorally damaging.

The apex court is also expected to pass an order on June 9 on the steps the government needs to take for their reemployment and rehabilitation. Bihar has put the workers under 90 categories in 11 sectors, mainly construction, general services, electronics and electrical, healthcare, mechanic, and banking and financial services.

The maximum number, 7.98 lakh, are construction workers. Of these, more than 3.5 lakh are unskilled workers. The skilled labourers have been categorised as floor tile mechanics, masons, carpenters, painters, and blacksmiths, among others.

Under the general services sector the maximum number are tailors, 57,624, followed by cooks, drivers and delivery boys at 34,105, 29,624, and 11,426. This sector also includes security guards, gas stove mechanics, vegetable sellers, and rickshaw pullers. Workers of the electronics and electrical sector have been categorized on the basis of their skills. There are AC/water purifier technicians, mobile phone repairers, refrigerator repairers and TV repairers. They number 20,437.

The healthcare sector has 14,521 migrants categorized as dieticians and nutritionists, nurses, fitness trainers and yoga instructors. There are 3,555 workers under banking and financial services.

Balamurugan D, the chief executive officer of the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society, which is overseeing the skill mapping, said the government would give employment to each migrant worker after details of the skill sets are shared with all the departments. "Those who have completed their mandatory quarantine have already been provided employment in government schemes," he added.

In UP, skill mapping is being done under 94 categories. Out of the 28.13 lakh migrants mapped till Friday, 18.31 lakh, or 65%, are unskilled workers. Of the skilled workers, 45.77% are construction workers while 7.86% are engaged in the services sector. Agriculture labourers and factory workers constitute only 2.9% and 2.75%. Sources said while 18.19 lakh are willing to take up jobs, the remaining 5.37 lakh are uninterested. The government feels 4.83 lakh of them are unskilled workers who may return to their places of work after the restrictions are lifted completely.

Jharkhand has launched a mobile app, Mission Saksham, for skill mapping the migrants. They have been placed in 49 categories under 14 sectors. The highest number of workers, 49,942, is engaged in construction activity. They include masons, painters, carpenters and electricians. Those in the automotive sector number 34,757. They include mechanics, fitters and welders. The third biggest sector, called logistics, has 22,238 workers. They include courier service workers, foodgrain godown workers and storekeepers.

TIME TO CHANGE

SC mulls going paperless to save environment

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

WITH an aim to save the environment and making it compatible in midst of the pandemic, the Supreme Court worked without paper files while hearing the cases.

Digitisation of cases will help saving the axing of over 4500 trees approximately a year. On an average, nearly 500 petitions or annexures are filed in the apex court and each petition is over 400 pages.

Last week, a bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud held the first paperless proceedings and all three judges worked on their laptops. The case files were electronically transferred to the judges a day before so they could study them. During the hearing, the judges read the case papers from their respective laptops. According to sources, tablets with upgraded software has been provided to all the judges already. Justice Chandrachud who also heads the Supreme Court's e-courts committee, is looking into digitisation reforms for the judiciary and has launched the e-filing module too for the lawyers which allows them to file their cases on a 24*7 basis.

Once the digitisation is fully operational then the apex court would electronically collect records of trial and high courts and there would be no need of case records being filed afresh. Those wanting to file petitions in the top court would only have to briefly put in writing the grounds on which they challenge an order.

India needs to ramp up genome sequencing

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

AS SARS-CoV-2 genome sequencing from India touches 600, scientists emphasise ramping up the numbers to discover viral genetic diversity and understand the viral transmission with Covid-19 cases nearing 2.5 lakh.

Researchers from 19 institutions have deposited 592 SARS-CoV-2 genomes from India covering 21 states. The genome clade include — A1a, A2a, A3, B, B1, B4 and I. The highest number of genomes has been sequenced from Gujarat.

An in-depth analysis of 558 viral genomes derived from samples representing countries from USA, Europe, China, East Asia, South Asia, Oceania, Middle East regions and India revealed that most Indian samples are divided into two clusters. A1 sub-cluster showed more similarity to Oceania and Kuwait samples, while A2 sub-cluster grouped with South Asian samples. In contrast, cluster B grouped with countries from Europe, Middle East and South Asia. A research paper highlights the power of rapid viral genome sequencing and public data sharing.

INTERVIEW

'DOMESTIC TOURISM TO BOOST SECTOR'

Encouraging domestic travelling will be the key to reviving tourism sector, said Minister of Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel**, in an interview to **Ritwika Mitra**.

What is the level of preparedness of the Ministry of Tourism to open hotels, restaurants and accommodation units after the Centre approved opening of hotels, restaurants from June 8?
Safety and hygiene will be the priorities for travellers who will travel to a destination only if they are assured that the place they are visiting, eating and staying at is virus-free. The ministry has used this lockdown period to draft new protocols for hotels and other accommodation units, including convention centres and exhibition spaces. Protocols have been drafted based on consultation with stakeholders and state governments, and we have received feedback from various sectors.

What will be the new protocols that would be followed in order to provide safety to occupants?
The new protocol aims to minimise contact between staff and guests at hotels keeping government's guidelines of maintaining social distancing at all times in mind. It also aims to make the traceability of guests easier, in case such a situation arises. The protocols for travel agents, tour operators, tourist transport operators, tourist facilitators/guides have been prepared with a primary focus on identifying and mitigating risks for the service provider.

Is the ministry planning to conduct an assessment of the estimated job loss and revenue loss that the hospitality and tourism industries have suffered amid the pandemic?
Our focus is on rebooting the tourism economy by reviving demand. Efforts will be put to promote domestic tourism through the campaigns of *Dekho Apna Desh* and Incredible India. We are making efforts to engage with our stakeholders and citizens of our country to sustain their interest in travelling within the country once travel restrictions are lifted. In line with the *Atmanirbhar* call given by the Prime Minister, thrust should be given for holidays in rural India.

What will be the primary responsibilities of the National Tourism Task Force?
The Ministry of Tourism has set up a task force comprising its officials, at the Central level, regional level and representatives of the state tourism departments to address the issues being brought forward on a real time basis. This task force will help in assessing the needs of the tourism sector at national and regional level. I am sure that the task force will come out with effective recommendations for the revival of tourism sector.

The tourism and hospitality industries had expressed their disappointment on the stimulus packages announced by the Centre. What do you have to say on this?
We should understand that demand has collapsed across the world due to this pandemic. The travel industry will be revived when people are no longer afraid of the pandemic and has sufficient money to travel. Tourism is a function of several factors. This is where we should see the announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for special economic and comprehensive package of ₹20 lakh crore - equivalent to 10 per cent of India's GDP on May 12. The overall stimulus given to economy by this special economic and comprehensive package will have a positive impact on tourism industry.

How do you think international and domestic tourism will change in the aftermath of Covid-19?
We are heading towards a 'new normal'. Many business models including that for tourism have to be re-written. In future, tourism will totally change. We believe domestic travel will be to beat down the 'lockdown fatigues', as short travel is believed to be the antidote to 'stress'. Travel in the coming days will have facets of responsible consumption and tourism.

MENTAL PEACE

Section of government doctors in WB urged CM Mamata Banerjee to allow use of mobile phones by non-critical COVID-19 patients in their wards to ease their mental stress.

3 COVID DEATHS REPORTED IN J&K, TALLY UP TO 39

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	28	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	33	24	Panaji	31	27
Jaipur	35	26	Patna	36	27
Amritsar	37	26	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	38	28	Port Blair	28	26
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	30	20
Srinagar	30	12	Chandigarh	36	25

BJP eyes 50:50 seat sharing plan in Bihar

Party gets into election mode; set to negotiate hard with ally JD(U) to contest equal number of assembly seats

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

WITH an early start to build up the campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections, the BJP is hoping to pin down ally JD(U) to stick with the formula agreed upon by the two parties for the Lok Sabha elections in 2019. Incumbent chief minister and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar is likely to stress for 'big brother' role on the basis of his party's larger electorate base, but the saffron party is in a mood to play hardball.

"The BJP and JD(U) should be contesting equal number of seats. That was the formula for the LS elections also. The Lok Jan Shakti Party and other smaller allies would be given seats on the basis of winnability factor, and the remaining constituencies could be equally divided. This is what the BJP would want from the JD(U) but hard negotiations are on the cards," said a senior BJP functionary.

The Bihar BJP unit is mobilising workers to tune in to the party's Facebook page or YouTube channel to listen to Union Home Minister Amit Shah who will address the people of the state on Sunday. Shah's address is being projected as the launch of the party's campaign for Bihar, which is scheduled go to polls in October-November.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav puts up a poster against the state government | PTI

"All throughout the lockdown, the Bihar BJP unit has been carrying out organisational work and is geared up to retain power in the state in the face of lakhs of migrants returning to their villages. There's visible anger among them which may get directed against the NDA dispensation in the state if the Opposition is able to build a good campaign," stated another BJP leader.

Shah will aim to rally BJP workers to counter the Opposition narrative of flip-flop on part of the Centre regarding the lockdown, which has left many migrant workers from the state unemployed. "The political plot may suit the RJD-Congress, but that will also make the CM lean on the shoulders of PM Narendra Modi to beat anti-incumbency, which will help us get the best bargain in seat adjustment," said another state BJP leader.

Shah virtual rally to sound poll bugle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi/Patna

KICKING off the BJP's campaign for state assembly polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address the people of Bihar via video-conference on Sunday.

The saffron party is pulling out all the stops to make the virtual rally a success, with leaders saying arrangements have been made at most of the over 72,000 booths in the state for BJP workers and the masses to hear Shah's address. State BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal said the party has set a target of roping in "at least one lakh people across 243 assembly segments" for the event, besides those who may listen to the speech on Facebook Live.

Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD, however, tore into the BJP for focusing on polls at a time when the state is grappling with the 'crisis of the century'. Electioneering amidst the coronavirus crisis was nothing but "political vulturism", he alleged, and added that the saffron party was only interested in electoral victory at the cost of human lives.

He also accused the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government of meting out "step-motherly" treatment to migrant labourers who had returned to their villages and promised to make it his poll plank.

'Event to be huge success'

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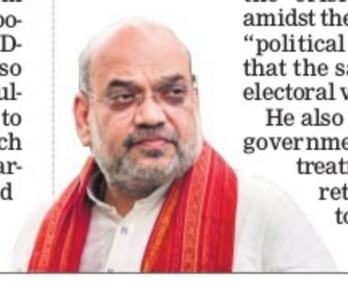


TRACKING COVID-19

'No access to govt ration for 80% migrant workers'

RITWIKA MITRA @ New Delhi

DESPITE the claims made by the Centre and various states on providing food and ration to the migrants, nearly 80 per cent of the workers still do not have access to ration provided by the government and food distress continues to be as high as in the first phase of the lockdown, revealed an analysis by Stranded Workers Action Network (SWAN).

The analysis was based on 821 SOS calls made by over 5,900 migrant workers at the SWAN helpline between May 15 and June 1.

Over 55 per cent of the callers said they had no money or ration left and that they had skipped meals. While 76 per cent said they had less than ₹300 left with them, 72 per cent of the workers who had called said they had only ₹200 left with them.

In the absence of any livelihood options, workers are also being pushed into a debt trap with 48 per cent workers who called the helpline having taken loans ranging from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 and 30 per cent having taken loans of more than ₹5,000 since the beginning of the lockdown.

With lack of cash, food and income, 55 per cent of those stranded wanted to go home immediately. A whopping 75 per cent of stranded workers said they had migrated for work but had no employment.

Among the interviewees who had reached home, 44 per cent said they had reached home after taking buses while 39 per cent took Shramik special trains. While 11 per cent took trucks or other modes of transport, six per cent made it home on foot.

The woes of migrant workers captured by the SWAN survey range from eviction by house owners and employers to problems faced in seeking shelter and travel registration. In several cases, workers reported no prior information about trains and lack of access to water and food in trains.

ARDUOUS TASK: Migrants take refuge in a school while waiting for transport to reach their native places in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

CPC MOUTHPIECE

'Keen on good ties with India but won't give up an inch'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CHINA will not give up even an inch of territory but is keen on good ties with India, a Communist Party of China (CPC) mouthpiece said in an article.

The article, published in the Global Times, also warns New Delhi against being fooled by Washington. This is the second time that the Chinese mouthpiece has warned India against the US. Earlier, it had warned New Delhi against siding with Washington in the New Cold War between the West and China.

"China does not want to fall foul of India. Good-neighbourly relations have been China's basic national policy over the past decades, and China firmly adheres to a peaceful resolution of border disputes. We have no reason to make India our enemy," the article said and added that Beijing would not be at a disadvantage in any India-China military operation.

Saying that Washington was only serving its strategic interests in the region, the article warned New Delhi against being fooled by the US. "Washington is keen on placing a wedge between countries and drawing countries to its own side. But this serves the US' strategic pressure on China, instead of other countries' geopolitical interests. Washington looks forward to the China-India dispute in order to gain from it. The US supports India every time China and India have conflicts to encourage New Delhi's confrontation against Beijing and to hype new border disputes," it said.

Anti-riot police stand guard outside the Golden Temple entrance on the 36th anniversary of Operation Bluestar, in Amritsar | PTI

Sikhs will accept Khalistan if govt offers: Akal Takht head says on Bluestar anniv

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AKAL Takht Jathedar Giani (high priest) Harpreet Singh kicked up a controversy on the 36th anniversary of Operation Bluestar on Saturday as he said every Sikh wanted Khalistan. If the Union government offers a separate state, the community will accept it, he said. The anniversary passed off peacefully amid protests and slogan shouting by members of radical Sikh groups at the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar.

After the culmination of the event, Singh, in a reply to the question on slogans being raised in favour of Khalistan by some hardliners told the media, "There is nothing wrong if slogans in favour of Khalistan are raised...If the government offers us Khalistan, what else do we need? We will accept it, because every Sikh wants it."

To a question on pro-Khalistan slogans raised at the Golden Temple complex, Singh said he found nothing wrong in it. "But they should have done it after the conclusion of the religious programme at the Akal Takht," he added.

Endorsing Singh's views, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee president Gobind Singh said, "If the government offers it (Khalistan) we will accept it.'' According to sources, police tried to stop the activists who came in large numbers to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple ignoring social distancing norms. But they managed to get inside the complex after heated arguments.

Gehlot takes potshots at young leaders

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

BARELY 10 days before the Rajya Sabha polls, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has reignited the internal tension in the Congress state unit with his caustic remarks against the party's Gen-next leaders.

The younger generation of Congress leaders had not gone through the grind at the grassroots level before being appointed as central ministers or PCC chiefs, Gehlot said in an interview to a digital platform. "When we entered politics, we used to travel in trains without reservation, used to sleep on the train floor. We used to frequently visit villages and it was common to travel by cycles. Though it is not the fault of the younger generation, they have not gone through this struggle. They have got good opportunities in the party even at the central level without effort."

Political circles believe the comments could once again intensify the tug-of-war between the old guard and the new. Though Gehlot didn't name anybody, many see his comments as a dig at state Congress chief and Deputy CM Sachin Pilot. Pilot though he has not yet reacted.

Relatives can see body of Covid victims in WB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

BENGAL government has decided to allow relatives to see the body of their kin after their death due to Covid-19 infection after following certain protocols. The decision was taken after the state health department and state secretariat were flooded with appeals from relatives whose kin died due to coronavirus and they were not allowed to see them after their death. Earlier, the health department used to cremate the victims without allowing relatives to see the bodies.

"From now, we will allow family members, not more than four, to come to hospitals and see the bodies of their relatives. For this, we will maintain social distancing norms," said an official of the health department, adding, "The bodies will be kept in a transparent plastic bag with a shield on its face and chest. The body will be kept at the mortuary. The relatives will be allowed to stand at a safe distance and will have to use gloves and masks."

The official, however, said no relative will be allowed at the crematorium or burial ground. "The cremation will be followed maintaining WHO norms. We inform the concerned civic authorities and send the bodies to the crematorium or burial ground in their localities," said the official. In many cases, the relatives alleged the health department informed the news of their patients' death three to four days later. A considerable section have requested the state government regarding this, said another official.

MP: BJP eyes 2 RS seats, Cong mulls court move

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH the ruling BJP likely to bag two out of the three Rajya Sabha seats going to polls, the opposition Congress is planning to move the court against the two candidates, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sumer Singh Solanki post the June 19 polls.

A total of 52 votes are needed by each to win the June 19 biennial polls to the three seats of the upper house. While the BJP is comfortably placed to win as it presently has 107 members out of the present 206 member MP Vidhan Sabha, the Congress has 92 members and is likely to win one.

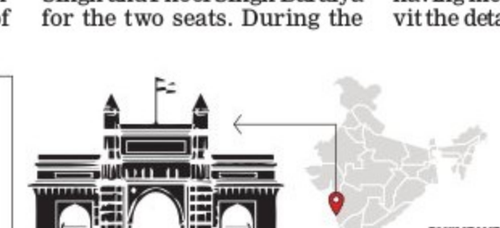
Congress has fielded outgoing Rajya Sabha member and ex-CM Digvijaya Singh and Phool Singh Baraiya for the two seats. During the nomination filing process in March, the Congress candidates had raised objections against the nominations filed by the two BJP candidates and demanded from the Returning Officer that both nominations be rejected.

While Digvijaya had raised the issue of Scindia not having mentioned in the affidavit the details of a case pending against him, Baraiya had raised objections against Solanki's nomination by submitting that Solanki was working as assistant professor of history in a college on the day of filing the nominations.

But the RO didn't reject the nomination papers. "We'll file a petition in the court after the June 19 RS polls," Congress MP and legal eagle Vivek Tankha confirmed to this daily.

Council polls: Plot yet to unravel

June 6 is the last date for the Maharashtra Governor to nominate 12 members to the Legislative Council from his quota. As per normal practice, these names for the Upper House of the Assembly are recommended by the state Cabinet and then approved by the governor. The Maharashtra Cabinet has not yet submitted its list as Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena are yet to finalise the names. It is interesting to see whether Governor BS Koshyari will wait for the Cabinet's list or announce his own choice of people with BJP-RSS backdround.



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MUMBAI DIARY

Snubbed in polls, NCP veterans irked

NCP workers who put their heart and soul for the expansion of the party are rattled after their leaders were neglected in the Legislative Council nominations. Recently, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar recommended Amol Mitkari, who had joined the NCP a few months before the Maharashtra elections, as his choice. It is natural that party loyalists and veterans, who do not get the chance to contest polls, expect nominations to Council or Rajya Sabha. A debate has started in a WhatsApp group of the NCP that if the party continues to ignore veterans, then there is no point in working hard and giving time and resources to the party. The common demands in such groups are that NCP loyalists should be given priority ahead of outsiders and newcomers.

Boost for CM Uddhav's image

Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray featured as the best chief minister in a survey done by a private agency. Uddhav's popularity is said to have soared in pandemic because of his nonplussed addresses and informing the people in a soft, approachable way. For Uddhav, who is the first from the Thackeray family to be a CM, this recognition comes as another feather for the Shiv Sena's first family. It has also comes as a boost to his leadership and silenced his critics who were saying that Uddhav's zero administrative experience would come in the way of his functioning.

Past catches up with Patole

Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Nana Patole has expressed his desire to the Congress leadership in Delhi to work for the party expansion if he is made the state president. Patole, a firebrand OBC leader, had earlier joined the BJP but left it after he was ignored. Patole is close to Rahul Gandhi. However, Patole's stint as a BJP MP may come in his way to become the state party president. The Congress leadership checks the history and past record and loyalty towards the party while assigning important and crucial positions to leaders. The Congress brass is also not keen on making Patole the state party head.

$5.2 bn

The IMF has agreed on a one-year $5.2 billion financing package for Egypt

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	HR	Los Angeles	23	14	SNY
Colombo	32	26	TDS	Melbourne	16	10	LC
Doha	39	27	SNY	Moscow	13	8	LR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	22	11	SNY
Houston	30	21	SNY	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	22	14	LC	Toronto	15	9	LC
London	24	12	SNY	Washington DC	23	12	SNY

ROME

'Netflix of the Vatican' to be launched on Monday

A new on-demand service, VatiVision, that has been dubbed the "Netflix of the Vatican", was due to be launched on Monday in Italy, broadcasting films and series with Christian messages, before an eventual rollout to eight other countries. Its president said = the potential audience for the service could be the "one billion and 300 million people of Catholic faith".

CAIRO

Libya strongman Haftar backs ceasefire: Sisi

Strongman Khalifa Haftar has backed a ceasefire in Libya starting Monday, Egypt's president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi announced after talks in Cairo, following a series of military victories by the country's UN-recognised government. The initiative, called the "Cairo declaration", urged the withdrawal of "foreign mercenaries from all Libyan territory," he said.

SEOUL

Stop sending balloons with leaflets: N Korea to South

North Korea threatened to permanently shut a liaison office with S Korea as it continued to condemn its rival for failing to prevent activists from sending anti-North Korean leaflets across the border. Desperate to save a faltering diplomacy, South Korea in response said it would push new laws to ban activists from flying leaflets by balloon to the North.

VIENNA

OPEC, allies meet to discuss output cuts

OPEC and its allies were holding talks via video conference Saturday to assess their current deal to slash production as oil prices tentatively recover on easing lockdowns. The 13-member cartel and other oil producing nations such as Russia and Mexico are discussing an agreement reached in April to boost prices, which have plummeted over falling demand.

CARACAS

Venezuela arrests DirecTV execs after firm pulls out

Venezuelan authorities have detained three DirecTV executives after the US-owned television service's decision to shut operations in the South American country due to US sanctions, their lawyer said Friday. "I hope there is justice in this country," Carlos Villamizar, vice president of strategy for DirecTV, told reporters before surrendering himself.

MOSCOW

Melting permafrost behind Arctic fuel spill, says Russia

An unprecedented fuel spill that has polluted huge stretches of Arctic rivers was caused by melting permafrost, Russian officials said, ordering a review of infrastructure in vulnerable zones. The news came amid a huge cleanup effort outside the Arctic city of Norilsk which President Vladimir Putin said should be bankrolled by metals giant Norilsk Nickel.

NEW YORK

Lowest Covid deaths, hospitalisations in NY

The New York State, which has been the pandemic epicentre in the US, has recorded the lowest number of deaths and hospitalisations since the pandemic began. The state lost 42 people on Thursday to COVID-19, down from a record-high of 800 just eight weeks ago. Hospitalisations had peaked at 18,825 and now number 2,728.

Global anti-racism protests explode over George Floyd's custodial death

Rallies call for end to institutional discrimination as movement finds broader support

Demonstrators attend a Black Lives Matter rally to express solidarity with US protestors in Sydney on Saturday | AFP

ATLANTA

Taking a knee, banging drums and ignoring social distancing measures, outraged protesters from Sydney to London on Saturday kicked off a weekend of global rallies against racism and police brutality.

The death at police hands of George Floyd, an unarmed black man in the US state of Minnesota has brought tens of thousands out onto the streets during a pandemic that is ebbing in Asia and Europe but still spreading in other parts of the world.

"It is time to burn down institutional racism," one speaker shouted through a megaphone at a hooting crowd of thousands outside the parliament building in London.

"This is how we take care of each other," she added after urging everyone to pull on a face mask. "This is how we stay alive."

Officials around the world have been trying to balance understanding at people's pent-up anger with warnings about the dangers of a disease that has officially claimed nearly 400,000 lives globally.

A girl wearing a face mask at a Black Lives Matter rally in London | AP

Yet tens of thousands of Australians defied Prime Minister Scott Morrison's call to "find a better way", and thousands more in Britain ignored the health minister's warning that the "coronavirus remains a real threat".

"We want justice! We want to breathe!" hundreds chanted in Tunis, as demonstrations convulsing US cities spilled out across the world.

"Are you sure of your silence," asked a poster of a man laying a pink rose at a memorial set up outside the president's office in Pretoria, South Africa.

In Sydney, aboriginal protesters performed a traditional smoking ceremony at the start of a "Black Lives Matter" protest, which was sanctioned at the last minute after initially being banned on health grounds.

Many held up signs and wore face masks marked up "I can't breathe" -- the words Floyd kept repeating while handcuffed as a policeman knelt on his neck.

One placard simply read "8:46" -- the amount of time the 46-year-old was pinned to the ground by the white officer before his death.

Memorial events and peaceful tributes were to stretch in Europe from Warsaw to Lisbon on Saturday, before shifting to major US cities and to Montreal in Canada.

In Paris, police banned a rally scheduled outside the US embassy compound and another near the Eiffel Tower. *AFP*

Michael Jordan is donating $100 mn

Michael Jordan is making a record $100 million donation to groups fighting for racial equality and social justice. He said in a statement that his Jordan Brand would distribute the money over 10 years to different organisations in a bid to stamp out "ingrained racism." The pledge is believed to be the largest financial contribution to non-profit groups ever made by a figure from the sports world.

Reddit founder quits company board, asks for black replacement

Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian -- who may be better known as the husband of tennis star Serena Williams -- called Friday for his seat on the board of the social news company to be given to a black candidate. Ohanian said in an online post that he resigned from the board of Reddit, which he co-founded 15 years ago. He vowed to use any future gains on his stock in the enterprise to serve the black community

Buffalo cops charged as video emerges

Two Buffalo police officers were charged with assault Saturday, prosecutors said, after a video showed them shoving a 75-year-old protester in recent demonstrations over the death of George Floyd in Minnesota. Both pleaded not guilty to second-degree assault. They were released without bail. The officers had been suspended without pay Friday after a TV crew captured the confrontation.

ASIA MATTERS

SRI LANKA

Tourism can begin from August, says govt

Sri Lanka's virus-battered tourism industry can reopen for foreign guests from August but under strict guidelines, including multiple coronavirus tests during their stay, officials said Saturday. Tourism was only just recovering from the effects of last year's Easter Sunday bombings that killed 279 people, including 45 foreigners, when the virus halted international travel to the island and forced hotels to shut, leaving tens of thousands of people jobless. Sri Lanka's tourism ministry said travellers will be able to visit from August 1, but they must carry a Covid-19-free certificate, issued no earlier than 72 hours before boarding.

AFGHANISTAN

Officials warn of crisis

Afghanistan is running out of hospital beds as suspected cases of coronavirus surge, officials said on Saturday, warning "there is a disaster coming" in the impoverished country. Afghan health authorities reported 761 new positive cases of COVID-19 over the past 24 hours, taking the total number of confirmed infections to 19,551.

PAKISTAN

American blogger accuses 3 PPP leaders of rape, assault

A Pakistan-based American blogger has accused three senior leaders of the opposition Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) of raping and assaulting her in 2011. She made the allegation through a video clip posted on her Facebook page on Friday and soon it went viral on social media "In 2011, I was raped by the former interior minister Rehman Malik," she said. She also said that former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and former health minister Makhdoom Shahabuddin "physically manhandled" her while Gilani was staying at the "President's House" in Islamabad.

China tells its citizens to shun Oz amid row

BEIJING

CHINA is advising its citizens not to visit Australia, citing racial discrimination and violence against Asians, in what appears to be Beijing's latest attempt to punish the country for advocating an investigation into the pandemic.

A notice issued by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism late Friday said there has "been an increase in words and deeds of racial discrimination and acts of violence against Chinese and Asians in Australia, due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic."

"The ministry advises Chinese tourists to raise their safety awareness and avoid travelling to Australia," the notice said.

As part of its perceived retaliation, China has already effectively ended imports of Australian barley by putting tariffs of more than 80% on the crop, accusing Australia of breaching World Trade Organization rules by subsidizing barley production and selling the crop in China at below production costs. That came a week after China banned beef imports from Australia's four largest abattoirs over labeling issues.

Australian Trade Minister Simon Birmingham on Tuesday said the country did not want a trade war, but said China "has made errors of both fact and law" in applying WTO rules, adding that there was no evidence that Australia was engaged in dumping of products.

Australian has been among countries pushing for an international investigation into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic and responses to it. Beijing has denied its measures against Australian beef and barley were related to those calls. *AP*

OUTBREAK

New S Korea cases linked to door-to-door sales: Officials

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea reported 51 new cases of the coronavirus on Saturday, mostly in the densely populated capital region, as authorities scramble to stem transmissions among low-income workers who can't afford to stay home.

As of Saturday afternoon, at least 42 of the new cases were linked to door-to-door sellers hired by Richway, a Seoul-based health product provider.

Vice Health Minister Kim Gang-lip said the spread of the virus among Richway sellers was particularly alarming as most of them are in their 60s and 70s. He called for officials to strengthen their efforts to find and examine workplaces vulnerable to infections.

At least 130 infections have also been linked to a warehouse operated by Coupang, an e-commerce giant, which has been accused of failing to properly implement preventive measures and having employees work even when sick.

South Korea has now confirmed 11,719 cases, including 273 deaths.

The country was reporting around 500 new cases per day in early March due to a massive outbreak surrounding the city of Daegu, before officials managed to stabilise the situation. *AP*

FRANCE KILLS AL-QAIDA'S RUTHLESS COMMANDER IN NORTH AFRICA

French forces have killed Abdelmalek Droukdel, the leader of al-Qaida's North Africa affiliate (AQIM), the country announced late Friday, in what would be a major victory for France after years of battling jihadists in the Sahel

ABDUCTORS

Abdelmalek Droukdel was killed on Thursday in northern Mali near the Algerian border, where the group has bases from which it has carried out attacks and abductions of Westerners in the sub-Saharan Sahel zone

1990S

al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) emerged from a group started by radical Algerian Islamists

2007

The Islamists pledged allegiance to Osama Bin Laden's Al-Qaeda

2016

The group has claimed many attacks on troops and civilians in the Sahel, including a 2016 attack on an upmarket hotel and restaurant in Burkina Faso, which killed 30

FEARED EXTREMIST

Abdelmalek Droukdel is the symbolic leader of al Qaida in North Africa, whose operations centre shifted to northern Mali over the past decade

That led to the French invasion of the region in 2013 seeking to counter extremist designs on Mali

Droukdel was an explosives expert and manufactured devices that killed hundreds of civilians. He was a ruthless commander, ready to kill even AQIM members who disagreed with him

JIHADIST PRESENCE

Shaded areas of the map show the presence of jihadist groups in Mali and the Sahel, as of May 2019. The territory of AQIM is highlighted

Source: European Council on Foreign Relations

5,000

France has deployed more than 5,000 troops to combat jihadist groups in the region -- a largely lawless expanse stretching over Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, where drugs and arms flow through porous borders

Mark tries to mollify techies with review

SAN FRANCISCO

FACEBOOK chief executive Mark Zuckerberg on Friday promised to review the social network's policies that led to its decision to not moderate controversial messages posted by US President Donald Trump.

The announcement, which came in the form of a letter to employees, appeared aimed at quelling anger inside the company that was so severe it prompted some to quit.

The outrage was sparked when Zuckerberg said Facebook would not remove or flag Trump's recent posts that appeared to encourage violence against those protesting police racism.

Zuckerberg's message Friday seemed to attempt to mollify that anger: "We're going to review our policies allowing discussion and threats of state use of force to see if there are any amendments we should adopt," Zuckerberg wrote.

This, he said, includes "excessive use of police or state force. Given the sensitive history in the US, this deserves special consideration."

Social media platforms have faced mounting calls to moderate the president's comments, most recently because of the unrest gripping the United States in the wake of the killing of George Floyd when he was apprehended by police. *AFP*

Taiwan's Donald Trump ousted in historic recall

TAIPEI

VOTERS in the Taiwanese port city of Kaohsiung ousted their mayor, whose failed bid for the presidency on behalf of the China-friendly Nationalist Party this year was disapproved by many residents.

He has been dubbed Taiwan's Donald Trump.

The success of the recall vote — Taiwan's first — was hailed by commentators as the latest sign of politicians being held accountable in the island's robust democracy.

The measure to remove Han needed the support of 25% of the city's more than 2 million eligible voters. Just over 22,000 voted to oppose his recall.

This marks the end of a political career of 18 months, in which Han rose from obscurity to be a top contender for president.

However, his decision to take a leave of absence to seek the presidency just months after taking office drew heavy criticism and a petition campaign was launched to seek his recall.

Han lost the presidential election to Tsai Ing-wen by a whopping 57% to 38%, partly due to questions about how he had acquired expensive properties on a modest civil servant's salary.

A political outsider who emphasised the needs of blue-collar workers, he was a businessman wielding populist rhetoric. *Bloomberg* reports that Han's plans included persuading Walt Disney to build a theme park in Taiwan. *Agencies*

May Services PMI improves marginally

Services Purchasing Managers Index, a measure of activity in the services sector, crashed in April after the nationwide lockdown. However, subsequent easing has seen the index trend mildly upward for May.

EXPRESS READ

INTEREST

CANARA BANK CUTS IN REPO-LINKED LENDING RATE BY 40 BPS

New Delhi: State-owned Canara Bank on Saturday announced reduction in its repo-linked lending rate (RLLR) by 40 basis points (bps) to 6.90 per cent. Meanwhile, the Bengaluru-based bank also slashed its marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR) by 20 basis points across various tenors. The revised lending rates will be effective from June 7, Canara Bank said in a statement. All new retail loans (housing, education, vehicle), credit to MSMEs are linked to RLLR. Many banks have passed on the benefit of reduction in 40 bps in repo rate announced by the RBI in May.

EXCEPTIONAL LOSS

VEDANTA POSTS NET LOSS OF ₹12,521 CR AS COVID TAKES TOLL

Vedanta on Saturday reported consolidated net loss of ₹12,521 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 due to an exceptional loss of ₹17,132 crore, primarily due to impairment of assets in oil and gas, copper and iron ore business. The company had posted net profit of ₹2,615 crore in the year-ago period. The consolidated income of the company during January-March quarter dropped to ₹20,382 crore, over ₹25,096 crore last year. "We have taken a proactive approach to keep our assets and people safe while ensuring optimum operations during these difficult times," the company said.

BLEAK TIMES

NEAR-TERM OUTLOOK FOR FMCG 'EXTREMELY UNCERTAIN': HUL

The near-term outlook for the FMCG market is "extremely uncertain" as the COVID-19 outbreak had a "terrible impact" and the situation remains volatile with the trajectory of the coronavirus undetermined, according to HUL. "The situation remains volatile with the trajectory of the virus undetermined, evolving hot spot geographies, the success of containment measures uncertain, the severity and duration of resulting economic crisis and the extent of structural damage unknown," HUL Chairman and Managing Director Sanjiv Mehta said in his address to shareholders in the company's annual report for 2019-20.

NEWSCOPE

BUILDERS, PLEASE TAKE THE BAIT AND REDUCE PRICES

Union Minister Piyush Goyal has advised realtors to cut prices, but a proactive government push to slash circle rates could work wonders

GURBIR SINGH

The realty market, in deep freeze for some time, is now in the ICU; and no one knows how many realtors will survive the storms of the pandemic. In these trying times, there has been a regular flow of good advice from ministers and industry captains, urging builders to bite the bullet, cut prices voluntarily, and help stoke demand.

Last Wednesday, Union Railways minister Piyush Goyal caused quite a stir when at a developers' webinar, he advised: "Unless you reduce your rates, you are stuck with material. You can choose to be stuck with your material and default in the bank till the material goes away. Or you can choose to get rid of whatever you bought at high prices; look at it as a bad decision or an unfortunate situation and move forward," said Goyal.

Sell at any cost

Banker Uday Kotak backed Goyal soon after. Speaking at a press conference of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Kotak said: "I recommend that every real estate player move inventory and clear the stock they have. They should not be looking at the rear-view mirror while driving a car, but looking in front."

Earlier, in April, HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh cautioned builders to be prepared for the market to bottom out at levels below their expectations. "I think the prices of real estate have to come down... I feel one must be prepared for even 20 per cent," Parekh said on video conference.

The builders are not convinced. At these webinars, they were vocal that it was not possible to reduce prices further as the high cost of land acquisition and development would put them out of pocket. The unstated rationale voiced in private is that they are prisoners of their investors to whom they have pledged a certain margin of profit. But Uday Kotak's message was crystal clear. "If land was bought at a high price in the past, it is irrelevant today. Bringing down prices and clearing inventory is good for all."

The main challenge is consumer confidence has caved in. The Reserve Bank (RBI), which has just released its survey, said consumer confidence had collapsed in May with the Current Situation Index (CSI) touching a historic low. The expectation is the economy will contract 1.5 per cent as demand evaporates.

"Overall consumer spending remained afloat, mostly due to relative inelasticity in essential spending; consumers, however, reported sharp cuts in discretionary spending and also do not expect much improvement in the coming year," the Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) said. Builders are in trouble as buying a home, a car or going on a holiday are the usual discretionary spends; and these are vanishing as the days ahead look tougher.

Demand evaporates

Commercial real estate too, which earlier was showing signs of stabilization, is now in the throes of a crisis. Anarock Property Consultants estimated that "net absorption in 2020 will drop by 17 per cent to 34 per cent from the pre-Covid-19 estimates".

Commercial leasing in India is driven by US companies picking up nearly 50 per cent of the office space available. With the US economy among the worst impacted, the tremors will be felt in a big way in India, the Anarock report said.

Commercial real estate will also see a big withdrawal in demand from the change in workplace practices among corporate groups. For instance, the work-from-home routine, initially adopted as an emergency practice, seems to have worked well for a number of companies making it a permanent option. IT major Cognizant is believed to have distributed 78,000 laptops to its associates. These practices in the long run will reduce reliance on office space and save huge rentals for companies.

Residential real estate on the other hand always has takers as the need for a home can be postponed but never shelved permanently. Home-buying typically is very sensitive to prices, and that is what minister Goyal and Uday Kotak are advising. At the right price, there will always be a buyer. However, statements at a webinar need to be matched by government policy.

The RBI has cut the bank repo rate by a solid 115 points infusing a high degree of liquidity in the financial system. Unfortunately, the benefits of lower interest rates are not being passed on proportionately to the consumer.

Again, the ready reckoner rates (RR), also called the circle rates of property (based on which stamp duty and registration fees are levied), are often far higher than prevailing market rates. Property sold at rates below the RR or Circle rate can attract stiff penalties from the Income Tax department under Section 43 CA of the IT Act. More than words, a proactive push by the government could work wonders for the stagnant market.

Corona cesses sap the spirits of alcohol makers

SESA SEN @New Delhi

COVID-19 cesses on liquor levied in varying degrees by revenue-sapped states have taken a toll on alcohol makers, stretching their working capital and eating into cash flow. While early trends after lockdown relaxations and long queues outside shops may have given the impression that the segment may shrug off Covid-driven demand destruction, industry executives say that "unrealistic" levies on alcohol have done more damage than the pandemic.

Demand in states such as New Delhi, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has tumbled, with brewers bearing the major brunt. "After the drastic price hike in some states, the industry has registered about 80 per cent declines in overall beer volume in May—a peak season for beer—versus last year. The prevailing duty hike is having a knock-on effects on the ancillary segments as well, especially farmers, the entire supply chain ecosystem with barley malt suppliers and logistics partners," Kartikeya Sharma, President—South Asia, AB InBev told this publication.

In India, beer is taxed 60 per cent higher than stronger spirits despite its lower alcohol content (4-7 per cent) as against upwards of 40 per cent levies on hard liquor. The further Covid cesses have led to price hikes, such as in Delhi for instance, where a bottle with an MRP of ₹100 earlier now sells at ₹170. Such a hike, Sharma said, is a "short-sighted approach" which could actually lead to a loss in state revenues and encourage consumption of cheaper, low quality drinks.

Hard spirit-makers, too, are facing a similar challenge. According to Anand Kripalu, CEO, United Spirits, the outlook for next year remains "uncertain" due to the muted demand scenario. The impact of high taxes, he said, outweigh opportunities such as online sales and home delivery. Premium imported brands such as Johnnie Walker will be the hardest hit, hit by the drying up of social occasions and the closure of bars.

Meanwhile, brokerages have downgraded the industry from 'positive' to 'neutral' in light of the jump in taxes and believe a reversal of this hike is unlikely. "(Reversal of tax increases) is the rarest of phenomenons. One, it is seen as politically and socially challenging for a government to be aiding alcohol consumption. Secondly, once the state treasury gets a taste of higher tax inflows, giving it up it is difficult," said Dolat Capital Market. Dolat Capital pegs revenue from alcohol as accounting for 21 per cent of states' own tax revenue.

BEER TAXED MORE

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LITIGATION

Yatra, Ebix merger deal terminated

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

TRAVEL portal firm Yatra on Saturday announced that it has provided notice of termination of its pending merger agreement with US-based Ebix Inc and filed litigation in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware over Ebix's breaching of the Merger Agreement.

"The complaint seeks to hold Ebix accountable for breaches of its representations, warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement and an ancillary extension agreement and seeks substantial damages. As detailed in the complaint, Ebix's conduct breached material terms of the agreements and frustrated Yatra's ability to close the transaction and obtain the benefit of Yatra's bargain for Yatra's stockholders," Yatra said in a statement.

Ebix, the supplier of on-demand software and e-commerce services, had in July 2019 announced acquiring Yatra for an enterprise value of $337.8 million in an all-stock deal. The two companies had entered into a definitive agreement under which Ebix will acquire Yatra via merger.

The transaction would have created India's largest and most profitable travel services company. At present, Yatra competes with the likes of MakeMyTrip, Ixigo, ClearTrip, EasyMyTrip and others.

Slew of investments make early Jio IPO likelier

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

INDIA'S wealthiest man, Mukesh Ambani, may be successful in listing his four-year-old tech commerce-telecom venture, Jio in foreign exchanges, all thanks to $12.5 billion (₹92,202 crore) funding raised in just over one and a half months. The period has seen the company make stake sales to a posse of leading tech companies and private equity ventures such as Facebook and Abu Dhabhi-based investment firm Mubadala.

Soon after Mubadala's announcement that it was investing $1.2 billion in Jio, earlier investor American PE giant Silver Lake has said that it will invest another ₹4,546 crore in the digital platform for a further 0.93 per cent stake. Silver Lake has a combined stake of 2.08 per cent in Jio now.

The boutique of investments will not only reduce Jio's net debt burden, but also bring it closer to attracting further investment if it is listed. Analysts expect Jio to go for an initial public offering (IPO) sometime next year. "The second round of investment by Silver Lakes particularly points towards its ambitions of a global IPO, especially when we look at the kind of success the PE group had with Alibaba in 2014. More importantly, it brings Jio deep technology understanding of incumbents and new age industries like e-commerce and the sharing economy," Sanchit Vir Gogia, CEO and Founder of Greyhound Research wrote in his note.

With US-China tensions showing no signs of abating, Jio may pose an interesting alternative to US investors. However, the challenges the pandemic poses to the Indian economy, Jio may yet have much to prove to Wall Street.

Business & Beyond

Personnel ministry launches booklet of achievements

Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched an e-Booklet on the one year achievements of the DoPPW. During the occasion, the minister said that pension reforms have hugely benefitted the lives of the pensioners. Singh also said that the department had gone outside the call of duty to organise a webinar on Covid by bringing in leading doctors to address the anxiety and fears of the pensioners.

GRSE relief measures during Cyclone Amphan

During the prevailing pandemic, GRSE has actively supported the local population and police forces of Metiabruz by providing masks, sanitisers, food grains etc. GRSE employees have also supported the relief activities being undertaken by the Government of West Bengal for those affected by the Amphan cyclone by contributing ₹10 lakh to the West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund. CMD of GRSE, Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.) presented the cheque to the Mayor of Kolkata.

ICAR-CIBA, SCAF conduct Digital Conference on Covid-19 impact on aquaculture

ICAR-CIBA conducted the first digital conference on the Brackishwater Aquaculture Scenario in India with a focus on shrimp farming during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the conference, according to the organisers, was to highlight the issues faced by the sector during the pandemic and the measures to be taken. Expert panelists who lead the discussions included Jujjavarapu Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Pravin Puthra, ADG (Marine Fisheries), ICAR, Director, MPEDA, Arul Victor Suresh, President, SAP, Madusoothan Reddy, Secretary, AISHA, and Elias Sait, Secretary General, SEAI.

BALCO adopts green technology in drive for sustainability

The Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) commemorated World Environment Day amidst the Covid-19 pandemic by organising a symbolic tree plantation drive at Parsabhata Gate in the presence of regional CECB officials and senior officials from BALCO. As part of this drive, BALCO pledged to plant a total of 60,000 saplings in and around Korba, Kawardha and Chotia.The company followed all the essential norms of social distancing and safety.

NALCO celebrates World Environment Day

National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), celebrated World Environment Day on June 5 with mass plantation drives undertaken at the company's units and offices. At Bhubaneswar, Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO, formally launched the plantation drive by planting a sapling in the NALCO residential colony. Directors of the company, representatives of various Unions and Associations also participated in the drive adhering to social distancing norms.

IISCO Steel plant begins rolling out high-tech product

In what comes as another feather in the cap of IISCO Steel Plant, of SAIL, it has added a capacity to produce more than 2,100 MT of Electrode Quality Wire Rod rolled into 5.5, 6 & 7 mm variants. This comes inspite of several technical challenges related to maintaining all related parameters in the exact proportion to get the desired outcome. However, the team at the plant has achieved this task, the unit said.

Setting up of LNG stations welcome: Petronet LNG

Petronet LNG (PLL) has welcomed the oil and gas regulator PNGRB's decision on the establishment of LNG dispensing stations in the country. The firm also welcomed stakeholders to partner up for development of LNG (Liquefied N atural Gas) dispensing stations. On June 4, the PNGRB had stated that any entity can set up an LNG station in any Geographical Area (GA) or anywhere else, even if it is not the authorised entity for that GA.

Anand back in Chennai post Bengaluru quarantine

Viswanathan Anand finally reunited with his family after completing a seven-day institutional quarantine in Bengaluru. Anand had returned to India from Germany, where he took part in Bundesliga, on May 30. "Yes, I am home. Happy to see my family, especially my son," said Anand, who will be in home quarantine for a week as per the Tamil Nadu government's protocols.

RISK AND RETURN

With likely restart in September without vaccine in circulation, Sindhu stresses on caution to keep badminton fraternity safe and sport alive

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

WHEN badminton eventually returns in September, PV Sindhu feels that there will be an element of risk till a vaccine is in mass production. "We have to calculate the risk in every step involved."

The shuttler also spoke about how she has used this time to spend time with family, and the competitive nature of women's badminton. Excerpts:

■ What have the past three months been like? Has the uncertainty been frustrating?
Not at all. I have used this time to rest well, spend time with family and work out at home. However, I am missing the action on the court, for sure.

■ Athletes have spoken about lack of motivation. Have you also felt that?
Not at all in my case. I've never gotten such time in years, and I am trying to make the most of it. At the same time, I am keeping up my physical fitness so that I can jump right back into the game once training resumes. However, I understand that it's been tough for a lot of players. I can understand that something like this is unpredictable. It has completely halted our daily routine.

■ Do you think the sport will have a changed look when it returns?
There will be some changes which will be followed for player and coach safety. The necessary changes proposed by the world body, plus the proposal by the Indian government on the standard operating procedures in the nation, will have to be followed.

■ Will there be a risk in travelling, mingling and sparring till a vaccine is in mass production?
We have to be extremely careful, as plenty of travel and hotel stay are involved. There is going to be a risk. We will have to calculate that at every step. No one should be at risk: players, coaches, staff or audience. We need to keep the sport alive with minimum risk to everyone.

■ When you won the Worlds last year, did you feel like that monkey was finally off your back, considering the constant criticism about losing in finals?
Absolutely. That was something I really cherished. The criticism was particularly about my finals. However, I believed that reaching the finals itself is a big task. Women's badminton is very competitive. Any one in the top 10 can win the title. So it's all about fighting at every stage of the tournament.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

I have always been told by my parents that my academics need to go along with my badminton. I understand the need for academics. I finished my MBA, and it was not easy. But I was mentally prepared and knew that I cannot make excuses about time. I worked extra hard and achieved it.

PV Sindhu on how she managed to balance her badminton career and academics

Soon, SG virus protection kit

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

ONE of the country's leading cricket equipment manufacturers is set to launch a Covid-19 protection travel kit. Expected to hit the market by the end of this month, it's not only for sportspersons. General public can also use it. The kit contains seven protective gears and will cost around ₹1,500-₹1,700.

"The idea is to have peace of mind outdoors, which at the moment I think, half the country is worried about. It basically gives an individual one extra layer of protection," Paras Anand, Sanspareils Greenlands's marketing and sales director, said.

The kit will have gloves, face shield, jacket with a hoodie, bottom half that can be worn over trousers, shoe cover and a bag. "On reaching your destination, you can simply take these off and put them in the bag. Before you travel again, all you have to do is sanitise your hands, wear gloves and put on the other gears. On reaching home, you can wash them. The entire thing is made of dri-fit fabrics. They should preferably be washed in warm water with a few drops of disinfectant," added Anand.

SG, the authorised supplier of cricket balls for Tests and first-class cricket in India, has already told the BCCI of this product. "We have discussed it with the BCCI. Once we have more samples and everything is finalised, we probably will have a detailed meeting. In my opinion, resumption of cricket in the country will take some time and when it resumes, we will be ready with our products."

Anand, however, emphasised that the travel kit is not meant for any specific sport and can be used by anyone trying to avoid getting infected.

The company has been testing the safety kit. "We have provided the kits to a few security agencies in Meerut. Security guards, who frequently come in contact with visitors and even have to frisk them occasionally, will give their feedback. Depending on responses, we will make minor adjustments if needed."

The official informed that the manufacturer consulted public health experts before arriving at a decision to produce the kit. "We can produce 3000 kits every day. At the moment, we are managing with the existing workforce at our units."

SAFETY MATTERS

- Seven-item travel kit.
- Gloves, face shield, mask, jacket with hoodie, bottom half, shoe cover, kit bag.
- Can be washed and dried.
- Cost around ₹1,500-1,700.
- All sizes, from six-year-olds to adults.

No green light for CFI plan to conduct camp

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

THE Cycling Federation of India's (CFI) plan to conduct national camps in Patiala and Imphal for endurance and sprint cyclists has not got the go-ahead from state authorities. This is not the Sports Authority of India's decision, but that of the state governments.

It is learnt that the guidelines issued by regional authorities are not in sync with those of the home ministry.

Most cyclists are currently at home and the Punjab government does not want to take the risk of starting a camp with athletes coming from all over the country. Light training has started at NIS Patiala, but that is only for those who have been inside the premises for the last few months.

"Nobody wants to take the risk. Patiala is a hotspot and our cyclists will have to come from their home in Andaman, Maharashtra, Manipur. It is understandable, but we are still discussing with the Punjab government," CFI chairman Onkar Singh, told this newspaper.

Manipur is a green zone, but the sprint group consists of cyclists from Andaman as well. Reaching Imphal would require travelling through red zones like Kolkata or New Delhi. The state government does not want to take the risk.

However, of the six sprint cyclists, four are from Manipur. The CFI is still in talks with the district as well as state authorities so that at least the likes of L Ronaldo Singh, Y Rojit Singh, Jemsh Singh and Rahul can train at Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal.

"We are still in talks so that the local cyclists who have been at home for a considerable amount of time can get permission. We are hopeful of getting a positive response by next week," Singh added. The cyclists in Manipur have not been able to train due to strict lockdown regulations put in place by local authorities.

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> Onkar Singh, CFI chairman

EXPRESS READ

Atherton wants more injury subs

LONDON: Former England skipper Michael Atherton believes ICC, world cricket body, should consider allowing more substitutions for injuries which require players to visit a hospital for treatment during a match. "What, for example, happens if a batsman breaks a finger and he's got to go to hospital for an X-ray? He's got to leave the (bio) bubble and then come back. If there's a delay on testing or the results, I think you'll see one or two compromises," Atherton said on *Following On Cricket* podcast.

Month needed for fitness: Karthik

NEW DELHI: Dinesh Karthik said lack of activity has put players in a "zombie mode", and it will take at least four weeks for them to achieve match-fitness. "The transition will be very tough. I think at least a minimum of four weeks, you need to start slowly, first it will be quality and then slowly increase the quantity and then the intensity," Karthik told *ESPNcricinfo*. "Right now the lockdown has eased a lot in Chennai, so you can get permission and practice, so I am planning to do that but I will do it gradually."

Global updates

ON SONG

Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski celebrates after netting against Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga on Saturday. Bayern won 4-2 | AP

Fans and football back in Vietnam

HO CHI MINH CITY: Soccer was back and so were the spectators in Vietnam when the top domestic league resumed after the coronovirus shutdown. Fans were allowed into Ho Chi Minh City's scoreless draw with Hai Phong among three matches on Friday. But unlike Germany's Bundesliga and South Korea's K-League, more than 1,000 fans attended the V-League game at Hai Phong. Allowing spectators to the matches was the result of Vietnam's successful efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus.

WA Field C'ships postponed to 2022

LAUSANNE: The 2020 World Archery Field Championships in Yankton, USA, has been postponed until 2022 in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The event was due to take place in September this year at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center. World Archery and Yankton orgainsing committee took the joint decision recently to safeguard athlete's well-being and due to restrictions still in place. WA said that it decided against a one-year postponement because of a cramped calendar in 2021.

Karnataka Public Work Port and Inland Water Transport Department
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
O/O Executive Engineer, PWP & IWTD Division, Hoovinhadagali
Dist: Ballari, Phone: 08399-240143

No.EE/PWD/Dn/Hadagali/TND/2020-21/555 Date:04-06-2020

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWP & IWTD Division Hoovinhadagali, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through web-site **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

SL No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
1	KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT121379/CALL-2	77.00

1)	Quarries of Tender On	20/06/2020 @ 16.00 P.M
2)	Last Date of Tender Submission On	22/06/2020 @ 16.00 P.M
3)	Tender Opening date On	23/06/2020 @ 16.30 P.M
4)	Financial Bid Opening Date	Intimate Later

Note:1. Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition, Tenderers can view in E-procurement Portal.
2. 12.00% GST will be added to the contract amount

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWP & IWTD Division, Hoovinahadagali

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT KOPPAL
MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICE KOPPAL
DC OFFICE COMPLEX, HOSPET ROAD KOPPAL, DIST KOPPAL
PH NO: 08539-225070 Email: domwkoppal@gmail.com

Sl/Domw/koppal/FoodTender/CR-01/2020-21/04 Date: 04.06.2020

: TENDER NOTIFICATION :

FOR SUPPLY OF FOOD AND OTHER MATERIALS TO PRE-METRIC AND POST METRIC HOSTELS AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL/ PU COLLEGE UNDER MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT KOPPAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

District Officer Minorities Welfare Department, Koppal Dist, Koppal hereby inviting Technical & Financial Bids from officially registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under society act to supply food materials for all Hostels, MMDRS/Novodaya Schools/PU college at koppal Dist. as explained in the schedule of requirements.

1	Tender Reference No and date	Sl/Domw/koppal/FoodTender/CR-01/2020-21 Date:04.06.2020
2	Amount put to Tender	Rs.3,74,97,000=00
3	Tender Showing Date in e-portal	05.06.2020
4	Pre Bid Meeting Date	06.07.2020 11:00 AM
5	Last date Time for submission of Tender	04.08.2020 Time 05.00 P.M
6	Date of Opening of Technical bid	10.08.2020, Time. 11:00 A.M (Bid Will be opened on this date or any convenient date)
7	Demonstration of samples of Food Articles from the Technically Qualified Bidders submission Date & Time	Date will be intimated to the Technically qualified bidders
8	Date of opening of Financial Bid	18.08.2020, Time 11.00 A.M (Bid Will be opened on this date or any convenient date)
9	EMD Amount	Rs. 7,49,940=00
10	Solvency Certificate	Rs. 1,12,49,100=00
11	Meeting venue	OFFICE OF DISTRICT OFFICER, MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, DC OFFICE COMPLEX HOSPET ROAD KOPPAL-583231 Ph.08539-225070 (Meeting Will be Held on this Place or any convenient Place)
12	Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication	DISTRICT OFFICER, MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, DC OFFICE COMPLEX HOSPET ROAD KOPPAL-583231 Ph.08539-225070

Interested eligible Bidders Registered in e-procurement portal can download the bid documents with visting the web site http//e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
District Officer,
Minority welfare Department, Koppal

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi. - 585 105.
Office Phone No.: 08472-278634/256944 E-mail ID: eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No.EE/RWS&SD/Tech/2020-21/246 Dated: 04-06-2020

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (EXTENSION OF DATE)

The Tender called by Executive Engineer Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi Tender Notification No. 178 Dated: 21-05-2020. for Empanelment of implementation Support Agencies (NGOs/VOs/SHGs) has been extended i.e. Last Date for Submission of Bid is 17-06-2020 Opening of Technical Bid is 19-06-2020 and Opening of Financial Bid is 01-07-2020 and rest of conditions remain same as in the main Tender Notification.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW &S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/153/Adwit/2020-21

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Chitradurga Division.

No.: EE/PWD/CTA/Tender-15/2020-21 Date : 06-06-2020

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in **Two Cover System** from **Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Chitradurga Division,** on behalf of The Governor of Karnataka from registered contractors in KPWD through e-Procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement Act. 2000 and rule 2000 Standard Tender Documents. Eligible contractors can obtain the details from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** and participate in the tender.

Through e-Procurement - TWO COVER SYSTEM - 8443-00 - Deposit Contribution (1) (Work Indent : 119736). Amount Put to Tender in Rs. 7148550.08. EMD (in Rs.) : 143000.00. Time Limit including Monsoon Period : 6 (Six) Months. Class of Contractor : Class-III and above.

Tender Dates are as mentioned below : Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : 20-06-2020 at 5.30 pm. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 22-06-2020 upto 4.00 pm. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid : 23-06-2020 at 4.01 pm and Date & time for opening of Financial Bid : 25-06-2020 at 11.00 am. Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports and
Inland Water Transport Department, Division Chitradurga.

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.6,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Deodurga, Dist:Raichur-584 111.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-6/PB-2/ R & B /TND/2020-21/ 126 DATED: 02-06-2020

TIME EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

Ref: - 1) T.O. Tender Notification No.34, Dated:- 02/05/2020.

In continuation of this office tender notification cited under above reference, the calendar of events has been changed due to some unavoidable circumstances. The same may be read as below.

Rescheduled calendar of Events

Sl No	Particulars	Previous Date	Present Date
1	Contractors can request for e-tendering documents	From 15.05.2020 to 23.05.2020	From 03.06.2020 to 10.06.2020
2	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	On 19.05.2020 @ 11.00 AM	On 04.06.2020 @ 11.00 AM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	Up to 23.05.2020 @ 5.00 PM	Up to 10.06.2020 @ 5.00 PM
4	Technical Bid will be opened in this Division office on	26.05.2020 @ 11.00 AM	12.06.2020 @ 11.00 AM
5	Financial Bid will be opened in this Division office on	After approval of Tech.Bid	15.06.2020 @ 11.00 AM

Other terms and conditions of the Notification remain unchanged.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111.

DIP/Raichur/116/MC&A/2020-21

Tesla CEO Elon Musk is likely to have visited the UK this week amid a government search for a site to build a huge electric car factory. The Tesla CEO's private jet landed at London Luton Airport earlier this week, as his firm continues global expansion plans, the media reported.

SHADES OF THE MOON

The full Moon sets in the clouds over the St Isaac's Cathedral in St Petersburg, Russia on Saturday | AP

Proteins in blood can predict Covid severity

Scientists find 27 potential biomarkers in infected people that may provide targets for drug development

ILLNESS PROGRESSION

LONDON: Researchers have identified proteins in the blood of Covid-19 patients which are linked to the disease severity, an advance that may lead to markers that provide information on the progression of their illness. The scientists, including those from the University of Cambridge in the UK, said people respond very differently to infection with the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2.

While some patients develop no symptoms at all, they said others may get severe disease and even die.

In the current study, published in the journal *Cell Systems*, the researchers assessed the blood component called plasma in Covid-19 patients for 'biomarkers' which could provide a reliable way to predict disease progression and severity.

The scientists, led by Markus Ralser from the Francis Crick Institute in the UK, used state-of-the-art analytical techniques to rapidly determine the levels of various proteins in the plasma component of Covid-19 patient blood samples. Using this approach, they identified various protein biomarkers in the blood plasma of patients with Covid-19 which were linked to the severity of their disease.

In the study, the researchers analysed blood plasma samples from 31 men and women who were receiving treatment for Covid-19 of varying degrees of severity. They noted 27 proteins in the blood of the patients which varied in quantity depending on disease severity.

A scientist working at Gregorio Maranon General Hospital's lab in Madrid | AFP

According to the study, the researchers also validated these molecular signatures by analysing samples from another group of 17 Covid-19 patients and 15 healthy people.

Using these protein signatures, the scientists were able to precisely classify patients according to the WHO coding criteria for Covid-19.

"These results lay the foundations for two very different applications. One possible future use would be for disease prognosis," explained Ralser. He said an early blood test would enable the treating physician to predict whether or not a patient with Covid-19 will develop severe symptoms.

According to the scientists, the findings could help save lives. The sooner physicians know which patients will require intensive care, the faster they can make use of the available treatment options.

"Another possible future use would be as an in-hospital diagnostic test, which could provide clarity regarding a patient's condition — regardless of how they themselves describe it," Ralser said.

CANCER DRUG HELPS COVID PATIENTS BREATHE EASY

NO RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

WASHINGTON: Scientists have observed that a drug which is already approved to treat several blood cancers, is associated with reduced respiratory distress and a reduction in the overactive immune response in Covid-19 patients, an advance that may lead to a potential therapeutic for novel coronavirus infection.

According to the researchers, the cancer drug acalabrutinib blocked the protein Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) in Covid-19 patients, and provided clinical benefit to a small group of them.

The study, published in the journal *Science Immunology*, noted that the findings should not be considered clinical advice, and remain to be tested in a randomised, controlled clinical trial. The BTK protein, according to the scientists, plays an important role in the immune system, including in macrophages which are immune cells that can cause inflammation by producing proteins known as cytokines.

These proteins, the researchers said, act as chemical messengers that help to stimulate and direct the immune response. In some patients with severe Covid-19, the study said a large amount of cytokines are released in the body all at once, causing the immune system to damage the function of organs such as the lungs — a process known as a "cytokine storm." The current study involved 19 patients with a confirmed Covid-19 diagnosis that required hospitalisation, as well as with low blood-oxygen levels and evidence of inflammation.

According to the scientists, 11 of the 19 patients had been receiving supplemental oxygen for a median of two days, and eight others had been on ventilators for a median of 1.5 days. The study noted that within one to three days after they began receiving the cancer drug, majority of patients in the supplemental oxygen group experienced a substantial drop in inflammation.

FACT OF THE MATTER

CES 2021 will happen

IN-PERSON EVENT

Even as the coronavirus pandemic continues to be a threat, the organisers of one of the most influential tech events in the world, CES 2021, plan to make it an in-person event in Las Vegas. "We will showcase our exhibitors' products, technology breakthroughs and ideas to the world, both physically in Las Vegas and digitally," Consumer Technology Association, which produces CES, said. CES 2021 is scheduled to be held from January 6-9 in Las Vegas. The group behind the trade show said that it will continue to expand its digital reach.

Siberia's warmest May

10°C ABOVE AVERAGE

Temperatures soared 10 degrees Celsius above average last month in Siberia, home to much of Earth's permafrost, as the world experienced its warmest May on record, the European Union's climate monitoring network said on Friday. Large swathes of Siberia have been unusually warm for several months running, the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) reported. "The really large anomalies started during January, and since then this signal has been quite persistent," C3S senior scientist Freja Vamborg told *AFP*.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General public that my client Sri Anish Haji Jikar, S/o Sri Hazi Jikar, acquired western portion of vacant site No.5, katha No.238/5, Adarshnagar Layout, Arasinakunte Village, Nelamanagala Taluk, measuring totally 111.48 sq. meters, forming portion of converted land Sy.No.40 of Arasinakunte Village, under a Registered sale deed dated 27.12.2005 from one Sri K.R.Ganesh S/o late Sri Revanasiddappa, vide deed No.4554 of 2005-06, and stored in CD No. NMGD.44 registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala, and ever since I have been in possession and enjoyment of the same as owner.

My predecessor-in-title Sri.K.R.Ganesh, had in turn acquired the same for valuable consideration, under a Registered sale deed dated 15.11.2003 registered as No.3386 of 2003-04, from one Sri.P.Venugopal, S/o Sri.P.Venkatasetty, and he in turn had acquired from M/s Chamundeswari Estates, Builders & Developers, under a Registered Sale deed dt.27.03.1991 vide **No.2731 of 1991-92 Volume No.1582, at pages 36-40** registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala, but I have lost and/or misplaced this registered sale deed **No. 2731 of 1991-92** and is not found in the documents with me.

It is represented by my client that the Original Registered sale deed executed by M/s. Chamundeswari Estates, in favour of Sri.P.Venugopal, vide sale deed **No. 2731 of 1991-92** is lost and/or misplaced and the same is not traced. If anybody have found and/or in possession of the said Original Registered sale deed referred to above, the same be returned to Sri Anish Haji Jikar or to the undersigned. If one anyone has any claim, or interest over the said property, they may submit their claim, if any, with relevant supporting documents, within one week, and claims if any, received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

G. CHANDRASHEKAR, Advocate
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers and guarantors as mentioned below to repay the amount mentioned below in the notice, with interest along with applicable costs and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned below.

Borrower: Sri Deepak Samidurai, S/o Sri Samidurai, A 202, RK Skyline Atlantis, Tin Factory, Old Madras Road, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru – 560000, Also at: No. 16, 3rd Floor, PSS Plaza, New Thippasandra Main Road, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560075, **Guarantor:** Sri M. B. Devanand, S/o Sri Reddyramadasappa Muddubangaru, No. 4, Manjula Nilaya, 17th A Cross, Kaggadasapura, C. V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru – 560093. **Date & Amount of Demand Notice:** 13-03-2020, ₹ 59,27,259.25 (Rupees fifty nine lac twenty seven thousand two hundred fifty nine and paise twenty five only) as on 11-03-2020 and interest along with applicable costs and charges. **Date of Possession Notice:** 03-06-2020,
Balance Outstanding: ₹ 60,65,789.25 (Rupees sixty lac sixty five thousand seven hundred eighty nine and paise twenty five only) as on 30-05-2020 and interest and charges thereon.
Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of residential property bearing Flat No. 17 (Now 304) situated on the 3rd Floor of Apartment building known as Royal Manor Apartment, constructed on land bearing No. 18/2, now BBMP Ward No. 74, earlier Corporation No. 39/15, present BBMP Khatha No. 74-49-39/15, situated at 6th Cross, Kodihalli Main Road, HAL III Stage, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Bengaluru, flat measuring 2,409 square feet, super built up area together with one car parking space in basement together with 4.5768% (997 square feet) UDS on land the flat, standing in the name of Sri Deepak Samidurai, S/o Sri Samidurai, Bound on: the East by Road, On the West by Common passage and Flat No. 16, the North by Facing Road, the South by Flat No. 18.

Borrower: M/s Nagesh Borewell, # 175/1, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Kaveri Layout, G. M. Palya, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru 560 075, represented by its proprietor Sri Nagesh Gowda, S/o Sri Jayarame Gowda, # 175/1, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Kaveri Layout, G. M. Palya, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru 560 075, Also At: #144, Annayappa Garden, Puttappa Layout, New Thippasandra, HAL Post, Bengaluru – 560075.
Guarantor: **Smt Ranjitha R.,** W/o Sri Nagesh Gowda, # 175/1, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Kaveri Layout, G. M. Palya, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru 560 075 Also At: #144, Annayappa Garden, Puttappa Layout, New Thippasandra, HAL Post, Bengaluru 560 075.
Date & Amount of Demand Notice: 09-09-2019, ₹ 10,47,095.92 (Rupees ten lac forty seven thousand ninety five and paise ninety two only) as on 31-08-2019 and interest from 01-09-2019 and charges.
Date of Possession Notice: 06-06-2020 **Balance Outstanding:** ₹10,93,708.00 (Rupees ten lac ninety three thousand seven hundred eight only) as on 30-11-2019 and interest from 01-12-2019 and charges thereon in accordance to OS 8749/2019 dated 02-12-2019.
Description of the Immovable Property: All that Piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 5, New Khatha Serial No. 26, Property No. 26, situated at Thigalachowdadenahalli Village, Yamare Village Panchayath, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring East to West (34.4+26.3)/2 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all totally measuring 1214 Square feet, standing in the name of Sri Nagesh Gowda, S/o Sri Jayarame Gowda, Bound: East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining Property, North by: Chandra Reddy's Property, South by: Road.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Thippasandra Branch, for the amounts mentioned above and interest and charges thereon .
The borrower/guarantor/mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 06-06-2020
Place : Bengaluru
AUTHORISED OFFICER,
Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Regional Office, Bengaluru

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REKHA SUNEEL GADIYA** Residing at No. 538, 47/5, Anantha Paradise, 2nd Floor, 32nd 'C' Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011 have changed my minor Daughters name from **YASHVI KUMARI** to **YASHVEE GADIYA** vide affidavit dated 04-06-2020 sworn before Notary B.G.Sriram, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BALAKRISHNAN KANHARE KANDY,** S/o. Achuthan Nair, resident of # 84, ITI Layout, off New BEL Road, MSRIT Post, Bangalore - 560 054, Karnataka, have changed my name from **BALAKRISHNAN** to **BALAKRISHNAN KANHARE KANDY.** Vide affidavit dated 5-6-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **AMNA SUBHANA,** W/o Army No. 667370K Sub CLK M A Hasnain, R/at No. 38, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Ayyappa Temple Block, Vannarpet, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560 047 do hereby declare that Army No. 667370K Sub CLK is my husband and FEROZ HASNAIN is my son, and he was born on 15-05-2004, but in Army record my son's name is wrongly entered as FIROZ HASNAIN instead of **FEROZ HASNAIN.** My son's correct name is **FEROZ HASNAIN.** vide affidavit dated 3rd June 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHALAKSHMI,** M/o Anusha K M residing at House No. 294, Ambedkar Nagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **ANUSHA K M** to **ADITI GOUNDER K** vide affidavit Dated 05/06/2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P.Chaya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Soma P.** aged 35 years S/o.Sri Puttaiah, R/at Honnalaganadoddi, Medamaranahalli, Harohalli Hobali, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar - 562 112, have changed my name as **SOMASHEKAR P.** vide affidavit dated 05.06.2020 sworn before Notary B.M.Srivatsa, Ramanagara

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNEEL SUKANRAJ GADHHIYA** Residing at No. 538, 47/5, Anantha Paradise, 2nd Floor, 32nd 'C' Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011 have changed my name to **S SUNEEL GADHIYA,** vide affidavit dated 01-06-2020 sworn before Notary B.G.Sriram, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JYOTI KOTHARI,** D/o. Panna Lal Kothari, aged about 39 years, presently residing at No. 15/2, 9th 'A' Cross, Park Area, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560 027, have changed my son's name from **YUVRAJ** to **YUVAN KARUNESH KOTHAARI.** Vide affidavit dated 5-6-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. Jayanth, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **AMNA SULTHANA,** W/o M.A. Hasnain, aged about 41 year, R/at No. 38, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Ayyappa Temple Block, Vannarpet, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560 047 do hereby declare that Iam the wife of M.A. HASNAIN (Service No. JC- 667370K, Rank Sub) and my correct date of birth is **01-01-1980,** but in my Aadhar Card No. 9345 2355 1386, my date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 07-11-1978 instead of **01-01-1980,** vide affidavit dated 6th March 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAI SHANKAR,** F/o Dhanush J residing at House No. 249, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Singapura Main road, Varadarajanagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **DHANUSH J** to **J. MUTHU KUMARAN** vide affidavit Dated 05/06/2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P.Chaya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
This is to declare that I, Sunila BL S/o Lakshmana Gowda B K Aged about 32 years,Presently r/at Manthappa Building, Site No.193, House No.3, 1st Floor, Silicon Sun City, Heelalige, Chandapura Post, Anekal Taluk-560099, & Permanent resident of Boomarahalli, Hadlahalli Post, Sakaleshpura Taluk, Hassan District -573723, have changed my son's name from 'KARNA DEEP B.S' to **'NITESH'** vide Affidavit dated 05/06/2020, sworn before Notary, Government of India,K.N.Ramadevi, Bangalore. Herein afterwards my son be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **'NITESH'** only'

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REKHA SUNEEL GADIYA** Residing at No. 538, 47/5, Anantha Paradise, 2nd Floor, 32nd 'C' Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011 have changed my name to **S REKHA JAAIN,** vide affidavit dated 01-06-2020 sworn before Notary B.G.Sriram, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRANAV S,** S/o Sathish Rao J, R/o 554/1, 6th cross, 3rd block, HMT layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-97 have changed my name as **PRANAV S JADAV,** vide affidavit dated 06-06-2020 sworn before Notary K.C. Pemmaiah, Bangalore-97

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) JANANI K, Residing at No. B-207, Fortune White Wings Apartment, 1st Main, Basava Nagar, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) JANANI NAVANEETHA KRISHNAN** vide affidavit dated 05/06/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SPARSH BHAIYA MAHESHWARI, residing at No.1555, 25th Main, 29th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to SPARSH MAHESHWARI, for all purposes vide affidavit dated 06/06/2020 before Notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore

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I, **NEHA JAIN,** resident of Sri Kunj Nivas, # 161, NR Varsha Complex, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli Post, Bangalore - 560 013, Karnataka, have changed my name from **NEHA LALITH JAIN** to **NEHA JAIN.** Vide affidavit dated 5-6-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **JANARDHAN K,** S/o Krishnamurthy, Aged 42 years, R/at No.245, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Chokkasandra Colony, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560057.
I hereby declare that my name is called as **JANARDHAN B. K and JANARDHAN K,** these both names are belongs to me. In future I will be called as **JANARDHAN. B. K** Vide affidavit dated 06.06.2020 sworn to before Notary **N. Nagappa,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, STELLA JAIRAJ, Wife of Sri. Jairaj Anthony, resident of No. 5/1, Bush Croft Apts, Norris road, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025, have changed my name to **MARY STELLA** vide affidavit Dated 5/06/2020 by Notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sakshi Abida** D/o. Mr. S. Muralikrishnan R/at G-4, Shakthi Mansions Apartment, Ground Floor, GMR Layout, 2nd Block, Ramamurthynagar Main Road, Ramamurthy nagar, Bangalore - 560 016 have changed my name as **LAVANYA CHRIEYALI** vide affidavit dated 09.04.2019 sworn before Notary S. Jayanna, Bangalore.

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